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## COLOSSAL HOLLYWOOD SALARIES

Washington, July 4.  
Betty Grable, movieland's best known figure, was listed today as the highest paid woman in the United States for the second successive year.

The Treasury's annual salary listing showed that the slightly screen star was paid \$200,333 by Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corporation in 1946. She got \$208,000 the previous year.

### Highest Of All

The highest paid of all was Charles Skouras, who got a total of \$953,300 in 1946 as President of the National Theatre Amusement Company and President of Fox West Coast Agency Corporation.

The best paid film actor was Bing Crosby, who received \$325,000 from Paramount Pictures. Bob Hope collected \$275,000 from the same company. The figures do not include income from other sources such as radio and stage appearances.

Miss Grable was ninth in the list of the first 10 highest earners and the only woman among the top 10. Her husband, Harry James, swelled earnings of the pair by another \$100,036.

The others among the top 10 included William Wyler, producer of Samuel Goldwyn productions, Incorporated, \$452,000; Charles E. Wilson, President of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, \$337,193; C.W. Deyo, Board Chairman of F.W. Woolworth & Co., New York, \$330,152;

For many years Thomas J. Watson, Chairman of the International Business Machines Corporation, was among the first 10. He fell back from \$425,523 in 1945 to \$225,117 in the latest listing.

### The Taxes

Under the Federal income tax laws in effect during earnings period all were required to give up the lion's share of their earnings to the government. Here are some examples of the amount the taxes would take.

A salary of \$100,000 would be taxed at approximately \$63,540; \$200,000 at \$148,551; \$500,000 at \$340,895; \$1,000,000 at \$840,145. The Treasury by law lists all corporations of \$75,000 or more paid by corporations in the form of salaries, commissions and bonuses.

The listing is not an index of incomes received by the country's richest people. They get most of their income in the form of profits on sales of securities or real estate, dividends and interest on securities or rents. These are not taken into account in the Treasury listing.—United Press.

## CYCLONIC STORM KILLS 31 IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, July 4.  
The cyclonic thunderstorm which struck Shanghai in the early hours of this morning resulted in the death of 31 persons and over 90 officially injured, according to Chinese press reports tonight.

Damage to billboards, houses, and light craft in the river is estimated to total over US\$20,000,000. The greatest number of deaths—25—occurred when strong winds completely overpowered the thatched roofings of two wooden houses in the Chinese quarter of the city which collapsed on the inmates killing them all.

**Cruiser Drifts**  
The storm, coming like a thief in the night, may yet cause a serious influenza epidemic among the poorer classes who had sought relief from the heat in the streets and were drenched in a matter of seconds.

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## "POMPIER'S PARADE"



PARIS fire-fighting teams pump water from the Seine and pour it back again during a demonstration with their high escapes on the river bank recently.—AP Photo.

## PROPOSE TO TRANSFER QUARTER OF BRITAIN'S PEOPLE TO AUSTRALIA

London, July 3.

It is authoritatively learned today that the Australian Premier, Mr. J. B. Chifley is bringing to London next week a clearcut proposal for the transfer to Australia of one-fourth of Britain's population. Mr. Chifley left Sydney by air today.

The scheme, an all-embracing defence plan for the Commonwealth, envisages the transfer of between 10 and 15 million Britons from the British Isles and a large scale shift of industry, including guided and atomic weapon research.

It also provides for Australia taking over part of the British national debt and social obligations.

The proposal will be presented to Britain during the coming talks here with the Dominions on the framework of a new defence policy.

It is reliably learned that the British view the suggestions with great reserve and oppose a mass transfer for both economic and political reasons. But Australia is determined to press for a large scale decentralisation away from the British Isles for the sake of Commonwealth security. The plans provide:

It is planned that the transfers will be at the rate of 2,000,000 a year, including a complete cross-section of men and women of all ages.

### Industry Too

The transfer to Australia of a cross section of British industries suitable to that country from the standpoint of available raw material.

Acceptance by Australia of social obligations such as pensions for the aged plus a part of the British national debt.

Development of scientific defence industries.

Australia offers the prospect of all raw materials including uranium except oil of which the country is short.

### Uneasy Reaction

Some £30,000,000 of British capital has been invested in Australia since the war to establish British industries. Australia is now taking 70,000 immigrants a year including 50,000 from Britain.

Official British quarters are uneasy about the scheme because it would upset the balance of population here plus the balance in Europe, where Britain is committed to such projects as the Western Union.

But individual immigration has not been impeded and some 200,000 have left the British Isles since the war's end.—United Press.

## Indo-China Gold Theft In Paris

Paris, July 4.

About US\$27,210 worth of refined gold destined for Indo-China was stolen from Orly airport last night, police reported today.

The shipment arrived from New York yesterday morning and was due to be flown tomorrow to the Indo-China Bank at Saigon.

The gold weighed 182 kilograms and was valued at \$9,280,000 francs in French currency.

The gold and foreign currencies were deposited as usual in the safe of the custom house, the police said.

About 1 a.m. when the night watchman was on his outside beat, burglars got into the building by cutting a window glass and then cracked the safe.

# PALESTINE FEDERATION PROPOSAL

## Bernadotte's Plan To Turn Truce Into Lasting Peace ARAB JERUSALEM SUGGESTED

Lake Success, July 4.

A Federal Union of Arab and Jewish States, with Jerusalem going to the Arabs, was the highlight of the proposals for a permanent peace in Palestine drawn up by Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, it was officially disclosed here today.

The proposals, intended to turn the four-weeks' truce, expiring on July 9, into a perpetual cease-fire, were submitted with great secrecy to the Jews and Arabs on June 28.

Count Bernadotte's plan provided for the union of the Arab and Jewish states to be formed on the territory of the original Palestine mandate, including what is now the kingdom of Transjordan.

He also suggested the inclusion of the whole or part of the Negev, southern Palestine, in Arab territory; the inclusion of the whole or part of Western Galilee in Jewish territory; and the inclusion of Jerusalem in the Arab territory with a municipal autonomy for the Jewish community.

He proposed the establishment of a free port at Haifa and a free airport at Lydda.

### "Possible Basis"

In the official text of his suggestions published here, the mediator said they were a "possible basis for discussion."

The points of his suggestions were: The boundaries of the two States would first be negotiated with his help and then definitely fixed by a Boundaries Commission.

The Union would promote common economic interests, operate and maintain common services, including customs and excises, undertake development projects and coordinate foreign policy and common defence measures.

These functions and authority might be exercised through a central Council with each member exercising full control over its own affairs, including foreign relations.

On the question of immigration, Count Bernadotte suggested that immigration within its own borders should be within the competence of each member.

Two years after the establish-

ment of the Union, however, either member could be entitled to ask the Council of the Union to review the immigration policy of the other member.

### "Minority Rights"

Other suggestions called for the protection of religious and minority rights, preservation of the holy places, religious buildings and sites and a recognition of the rights of the residents of Palestine, who, because of conditions created by the conflict, have left their normal places of abode, to return to their homes without restriction and to regain possession of their property.

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### FLOOD IN JAPAN

Tokyo, July 4.

Newspapers reported that 3,000 houses were standing in water and one steel railway bridge was washed out as a result of a heavy downpour last night in the Gumbō prefecture 70 miles north-west of here.

A landslide knocked out several electric rail lines and considerable damage was done to crops, said the paper. It was not raining any more.—Associated Press.

## Still No Settlement In Dockyard Dispute

No settlement has been reached concerning the wages and conditions of Naval Dockyard Chinese workers, although all possible action has been taken to obtain an early decision.

This was revealed by Mr. Mak Yiu-chuen, Chairman of the Naval Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association, interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday as to the outcome of the letter of April 27, from Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Mr. Mak said that the Commodore Superintendent, Hong Kong, who has the welfare of Chinese dockyard employees very much at heart, considers the case for increasing the gratuities a deserving one.

### Under Consideration

However, any increase in the scale of gratuities had to be approved by the Admiralty in London—only recommendations could be made from Hong Kong.

Recommendations, which had been made by the Commodore Superintendent, were now under consideration at the Admiralty, which was also considering a suggestion that certain allowances, such as housing allowances, to which Chinese dockyard employees had been entitled, should be granted.

Asked whether he had met the Commodore Superintendent, following the recent meeting of workers, Mr. Mak said that the Commodore Superintendent, when approached, expressed the view that the dockyard workers would be satisfied with the present situation.

## ARABS GOING TO RESUME FIGHT

Cairo, July 3.

King Abdullah of Transjordan, leader of the most modern Arab army in Palestine, said in Amman tonight: "We are going to resume the fighting and rely on our arms."

Speaking after his tour of other Arab capitals, he confirmed the reports that the Arab League would tonight reject the peace proposals of Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator.

"We are in Palestine for one of two things—either permanent glory or honoured martyrdom," he added.

Muzahim Al-Pachachi, Iraqi Premier and Acting Foreign Minister, and Sadiq Basam, Defence Minister, were flying here from Baghdad today for the present session of the Arab League's Political Committee.

The Committee agreed on the final draft of the reply it will give tonight to Count Bernadotte. Moustafa Bey Abdel of the Arab League Political Department, who handed the Arab reply to Count Bernadotte, said that it "contained counter-suggestions." It was "unanimous and very long."

**Jewish Rejection**  
Count Bernadotte expects the Jewish reply by Monday morning. He told correspondents here: "I must work fast. The truce expires tonight at 8.00 a.m. Palestine time next Friday."

"We might ask for the truce to be extended but that depends on the meeting tonight with the Arab League."

It was understood that the Israeli Government had decided to reject Count Bernadotte's peace proposals for three reasons:

1. The loss of the Negev area to the Arabs, would force the Jews to reduce immigration.

2. The plan would cut off Israel from the Dead Sea potash works, a main source of Jewish revenue.

3. The Jews want Jerusalem placed under United Nations trusteeship.

Count Bernadotte met with Arab leaders for nearly four hours tonight, presumably to discuss the Arab League's counter-proposals to his recommendations for peace in the Holy Land. One high Arab official predicted Palestine warfare would resume.

All the Swedish Count would say as he left the meeting was "We have agreed to say nothing tonight"—Reuter and Associated Press.

The action of the Committee was unexpected as earlier Mr. Hsu Po-yuan had testified that the Government was not ready for any currency reforms at present as it did not possess any of the prerequisites for such a move, including foreign currency and metal coins.

The legislators are said to have rejected as too dangerous a suggestion by Mr. Hsu that the Government be authorised to go ahead with monetary reform plans without having to submit them to the chamber for a debate, claiming that it would cause immediate repercussions in the nation's financial and commodity markets.—Reuter.

## New China Currency Proposal

Shanghai, July 4.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Yuan last night approved in principle the introduction of a new Chinese national currency and the establishment of a Commission to control the banknote issue, according to Chinese press reports today.

Favzi Kawakji, who is not a signatory to the cease-fire, moved his liberation army headquarters to the monastery in Nazareth on Saturday and set fire to the Bal-four Forest. When fire fighters rushed to the scene they were driven back by a flurry of bullets.

Four U.N. observers later inspected the damage and said they were referring the incident to Count Bernadotte.

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The China Post Office announced resumption of air mail service to Palestine which was suspended about a week ago.—Associated Press.



UN Mediator Bernadotte

## JEWISH DEFENCES PRODDED

Tel-Aviv, July 4.

As the Arab armies poised on Israel's borders started probing the Jewish defences six days before the end of the cease-fire, UN officials in Haifa commented today that "this may be the last Sabbath of truce in the Holy Land."

In Jerusalem, explosions and gunfire were heard at 7 p.m. yesterday when Arabs fired on Jews at three sectors.

### UN Workers Sprayed

The Arabs threw two-pounder and mortar shells at Sullivan's Way from their positions around Damascus Gate.

At the same time automatic fire sprayed into a party of U.N. workers—and Jewish soldiers—around four Jews. Arab shells also fell around the San Hadrin quarter and the Hebrew University.

United Nations officials are investigating all the incidents. On Friday, Arabs reportedly shot at the French Consulate and the day before attacked the Consul's car.

A report from Nathanya, diamond-producing township half way between Haifa and Tel-Aviv, said Iraq troops on Saturday killed one Jewish soldier and then withdrew into a nearby village under covering fire. They also shot at a party of Jews who came out to recover the body.

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## Bulgarian Demand To Turkey

Sofia, July 4. Bulgaria demanded today that Turkey hand over immediately an airplane, which landed in Istanbul under mysterious circumstances on Wednesday night, and all its occupants.

The plane, a trimotor Junkers 52 transport, was commandeered in flight by a group of anti-Communists who took over from the crew and landed in Turkey. There were 19 living persons aboard when it landed.

The pilot was dead and two crew members were wounded. The plane was forced to divert from its course while on a flight from Varna, on the Black Sea, to Sofia.

An official Bulgarian announcement said eight of the passengers and crew members expressed a desire to be repatriated. It added that due to the fact the plotters are considered criminals in Bulgaria, Turkey should hand them over immediately.

Bulgarian authorities said the armed group which staged a battle with the plane's crew and took over the controls was headed by a recently dismissed Bulgarian Air Force colonel named Strahil Mihalakov.

Intabul dispatches reporting the landing said after the anti-Communist commandeered the ship, a retired Bulgarian air officer took over the controls. He landed the transport after six wobbly approaches.

After the plane landed, one unidentified youth wearing a blood-stained shirt, shouted that he had killed the pilot. Turkish police at the airport quickly threw a veil of censorship around the whole incident.—Associated Press.

## TREATY GIVES WORKERS, MANAGEMENT RIGHT TO ORGANISE PEACEFULLY

San Francisco, July 3.

The final draft of the international treaty on the right of workers and employers throughout the world to organize peacefully, was approved today by the committee of the International Labour Organisation.

The draft is expected to come before the full conference for final approval on Monday or Tuesday.

The rights of both workers and employers to organize would be guaranteed by treaty and governments would be forbidden to interfere with this right.

After the conference approves, this draft will be sent to the drafting committee for any changes and then returned to the delegates for a second vote. The treaty must be ratified by each of the 59 member nations of the I.L.O. A two-thirds majority is required on a record vote, but observers expected it to pass.

The proposed treaty says workers and employers may form organizations "of their own choosing" and operate them with a free hand and may attach them to international organizations.

### Right To Organise

It specifies that member Governments shall not restrict this right and shall not use force or dissolve organizations, provided the workers and employers groups respect the "law of the land."

It adds, however, that the law of the land shall not "impair the guarantees provided for in this

convention," even if organizations acquire a "legal personality." The draft convention also calls on ILO members to take all possible steps to insure free exercise of the right to organize.

During yesterday's plenary session, two French delegates, one from the Government and the other from labour, pleaded for a return of goodwill in the International Labour Organisation.

The labour leader, Leon Jouhaux said: "The ILO should not be a place of intrigue but rather a place of goodwill. It must also be the organ of international collaboration."

### Employers "Static"

He said the organization would be static were it not for the active participation of workers and the attitude of employers is pretty much static.

Henry Hauck, Labour attaché of the French Embassy in London, questioned the value of the week-long debate on the report of the Director-General, Edward Phelan.

He said that instead of hearing a series of monologues, it would be better if the delegates would "get hand in hand with the great problems of social policy which confront the member states of the ILO and the United Nations."

"Workers have a duty toward the community to take part in the organization of production and in the management of a social economy. It is necessary to defend the conditions of the life of workers and freedom of association,"—United Press.

## US Coal Strike Seems Inevitable.

Washington, July 3.

The Government appeared to be powerless to block the threatened strike next Tuesday in the so-called captive mines, that feed coal to the nation's biggest steel producers.

The National Labour Relations Board is taking preliminary steps toward the getting of a no strike order against John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

They said the strike appeared inevitable unless the United Mine Workers abandon the policy of no contract no work, or drops its demand for a union shop contract with steel producers without a National Labour Relations Board election.

Lewis said, "No comment at this time."

The Administration's economic experts expressed grave concern over the effects of a strike that would disrupt steel production.

They said it would disrupt both domestic economy and the Government's efforts to fulfill its commitments to foreign nations.

The big steel companies, which account for 87 percent of the country's steel, have charged Lewis with attempting to coerce them into signing a union shop contract in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act.—United Press.

In their resolution on June 30, it added, the University Communistists rejected the accusations of the Cominform.—Reuter.

Belgrade, July 4. June Furst, the American correspondent of the Telepress Agency, has been "deprived of giving slanderous reports," the Information Department of the Yugoslav Government announced today.

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## Reminders

General Meeting, Portuguese Catholic Association, Rectory, 8 p.m.

Crown Land auction, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

"The Magic Lamp," Club de Recreation, 8 p.m.

Consolidated Rubber Estate Ltd., annual general meeting, 601-606, Marine House, 12 noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Independence Day Reception, American Consulate-General, H.K. Bank Bldg., 12:30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Building, 4:30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Broadcasting by D. Keith Hardy, Royal Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Union Church Management Committee Meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 8:30 p.m.

Meeting of members interested in dramatics, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Clothes for the School Speech Day, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Speech Day, St. Stephen's Boys' College, Stanley, 9:30 p.m.

## FOREIGN AID PURCHASE

Washington, July 4.

Paul G. Hoffman reported today that the Economic Cooperation Administration "so far has authorized the purchase of \$162,747,440 worth of food and other supplies for the foreign aid program."

The figure covers foodstuffs, cotton, petroleum products, lumber, coal and tobacco.

The 16 countries of Europe have been allotted \$732,161,728 of the first three months' purchases, China \$20,678,000, and Trieste \$1,020,412.—United Press.

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## America's Ambition

Washington, July 3.

President Truman declared today that America's ambition was only to see peace with justice in the world and to see the United Nations work for that purpose.

Truman held the gavel which George Washington used in presiding at the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol.

Truman said the United States had fought two tremendous wars for freedom and liberty in the world and added that the country had no territorial ambition and asked no reparations after each of these conflicts.

He said he hoped the Secretary of State, George Marshall, whom he referred to as "this great statesman," would be able to make the United Nations "a going concern" for peace.—Reuter.

## Rumania Sabotage

London, July 3.

A wave of sabotage has hit the nationalised factories in Rumania, Radio Moscow reported today.

Moscow Radio said that a Tass despatch from Bucharest said saboteurs were at work every day.

Tass said: "Illegal acts were committed by former owners of nationalised enterprises and their paid agents."

Tass cited the big fire at the brick kiln in the town of Jimbolia and said that the fire was set by the "former owner, Otz Fritz."

The same Fritz attempted to conceal some of the kiln's products worth 11,000,000 reals from nationalisation.—United Press.

## BOLLAERT IN PARIS

Paris, July 3.

M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indochina, was received here today by M. Jugla, President of the Overseas Commission of the French National Assembly.

M. Bollaert, who last month signed an agreement recognising freedom for the Indochinese state of Vietnam, is in Paris to report to his Government.—Reuter.

## GOVT RECAPTURES IMPORTANT TOWN

Nanking, July 4.

Government troops, sweeping southward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway line this morning, recaptured the important railway town of Tai-an, in Shantung, pro-Government despatches reported tonight.

Following the Government recapture of Talian, the battle for Feicheng is now developing with full fury, the reports said. At Yenchow (Tseyang), reports indicated mercenary assaults were kept up by the Communist forces, which outnumber the lone Government garrison by 10 times.

During the past 24 hours, the Communist attackers are reported to have made over 13 savage attacks against the city's defences and incurred casualties numbering over 10,000. Up to noon today, Yenchow was still held by Government troops.

With the support of powerful air squadrons, Government columns have thrust deep into the Communist rear concentrations and have captured several strategic points as the major battle on the Honan plains entered its fourth day, pro-Government despatches received today from North China said.

Nationalist fighters generally are satisfied with the success of the battle and expect to capture the city in a matter of days.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist High Command is keeping its eyes glued on the Chengchow area, further to the northwest, where large Communist armies are said to be massing.

These forces are expected to be moving in the very near future in order to ease the Government's pressure on the Honan plains.—Reuter.

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## READERS' LETTERS

Disappointed Tommy

Sir—To thousands of children in this British colony the arrival of a circus and its public performances will be cherished memories.

Before its appearance, every time when Daddy or Mummy took little Tommy out—normally on Sundays—it would be either the "Dark House" or the ice-cream shop.

Now it will be little Tommy's most thrilling outing—after nearly 10 years of misery.

But little Tommy is going to be disappointed.

Apparently there are higher beings who think otherwise. They complain audibly and pull strings. Reception, as of old, would be "good, seeing that the 'amoyance' come from, to quote a reader, "the White Elephant."

Consequently little Tommy, and a few thousand other playmates will have to spend their "most important day of the week" as they have always done. I think it is a great pity.

Why no circus on Sunday? BINO

## Building Scheme

Sir—I read, with interest, the article in yesterday's "Sunday Herald" relative to a scheme for the building of 200 houses in Kowloon for the relief of the housing shortage.

In view of what is set forth in that article, I must confess that I cannot understand how Mr. U Tal-oh's plan will help to relieve the housing shortage.

As one who must undoubtedly have an intimate knowledge of this Colony and its problems, Mr. U must surely appreciate that it is the white collar workers and lower income groups who are, in the main, affected by the housing shortage and not the upper crust of Chinese merchants and manufacturers.

Mr. U states quite candidly that all applicants wishing to participate in his scheme are: "long established merchants and manufacturers of Hong Kong," and that each home will cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

As the majority of "long established merchants and manufacturers of Hong Kong" are already in possession of more accommodation than they really need and as there are not many white collar workers or members of the lower income groups who can afford the cost of one of the houses under reference, it would be interesting to have Mr. U explain, for the benefit of the public, just how his scheme will help to relieve the housing shortage.

It is the public to understand that Mr. U has in mind the preparation of a list of white collar workers and members of the lower income groups who are interested in obtaining housing accommodation and that just as soon as the new houses are ready the "long established merchants and manufacturers of Hong Kong" will surrender their present accommodation and arrange for the transfer thereof to the said white collar workers and members of the lower income groups by ballot, without any demand for "key money" or "transfer" fees or exorbitant rentals.

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# "MIRACULOUS" PROGRESS TOLD BY QUIRINO

Manila, July 3. President Elpidio Quirino in a glowing report on the two years of Philippine Independence, today cited the recent amnesty for the Luzon rebel elements as the outstanding example of the infant republic's "miraculous" progress.

Mr. Quirino told a huge holiday crowd, massed around the flag-draped bandstand of Manila's Luneta Park that the nation has "progressed far beyond our expectations when we assumed sovereignty" two years ago.

He described the Government's settlement with the Hukbhang and PKM dissident groups in Central Luzon as a victory of "national character over bullets and bullets."

He said that the amnesty brought the Philippines two new freedoms—"freedom from hate and freedom to work."

Quirino said that the new republic with its "most powerful and prosperous" countries in the world, Mr. Quirino said that Philippine production has nearly reached pre-war level, foreign trade has exceeded one billion dollars, yearly and the national budget has been balanced three years ahead of the original target date.

The President promised a social security programme "of even greater scope" in the future.

Manila, July 3.

He said that living costs have already been greatly reduced while the national standard of living conditions is continually improving.

He said that the Government export and import control has facilitated economic rehabilitation and that the national industrialisation programme is making steady progress.

He said: "The transition which marks off the period of planning from the actual execution of our huge programme development is fast narrowing."—United Press.

## SHANGHAI OBSERVANCE

Shanghai, July 4. A thanksgiving Mass and a flag-raising ceremony at 9.30 a.m. ushered in the observance of the second anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines by the local Filipino community today.

Senor Mariano Espelto, the Consul-General, officiated at the ceremony, which closed with an address by him on the significance of the day.—Reuter.

## Economic Dislocation In Asia

New York, July 4.

Communism is threatening Asia because of the war's economic dislocation and the "paradoxes of peace which do not give encouragement to the peoples of Asia," Philippine Consul-General Jose Melencio said in a broadcast today.

He declared Asia must have American economic support to combat Communist inroads.

"We have the paradox of victory without unity among the victors and the paradox of vanquished nations experiencing better treatment and better times than some of the victorious ones," Melencio said.

"There is the paradox of small states which have been overrun and which suffered greatly for their part in the victory, but which cannot enjoy the usually accepted privileges of victors."

Melencio said the prospects for peace and prosperity depend on whether the United States can devote any attention to the Asiatic predicament, which is basically Communist.

"All over Asia there is a will to resist, but there is nothing with which the people can resist effectively. The United States is the one powerful nation equipped to make all Asia strong and united in a democratic front."

Melencio said Asia contains the world's greatest reserve of manpower and the greatest potential area for industrialization, and "properly reconquered" is due for unparalleled advancement."—United Press.

## LAMBETH CONFERENCE

London, July 4.

More than 300 Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Church from all over the world will attend the Lambeth Conference when it begins here tomorrow.

With one of Anglo-Saxon ancestry, including 68 Bishops from the United States, will be Chinese, West Indian, African, Indian, Maori and Ceylonese Bishops.—Reuter.

## "The Magic Lamp" A Successful Revue

Despite the possession of five such beautiful "wives" as the Oxorio sisters (Patsy, Mae and Ina), Violet Solteira and Natercia d'Almeida, Aladdin (Francis Oxorio) was bored to distraction by his life of luxurious idleness, and sought "solace" in the (to him) world of the future.

The entertainment provided for him by the younger members of the Rosary Church Club when, with the aid of "The Magic Lamp," he projected himself into the world of today was thoroughly enjoyed by the more than 400 people who filled the hall of the Club de Recreo on Saturday night.

The immense success of the revue, "The Magic Lamp," was, to a very great measure, due to the excellent work put in by the producer, Francis Baptista, and his capable assistant, Edo d'Almeida, who put on a well-balanced programme of ladies, music and songs.

Sambo (Jimmy Silva) and Bone (Eusebio d'Aquino) kept the audience in continuous laughter as the wise-cracking, fun-loving negro writers in the "modern" bar where Aladdin made his first appearance.

The two lovely "waitresses" (Misses E. d'Almeida and A. Souza), and singing bar attendants (G. Pereira and G. d'Almeida) made a delightful quartette and thoroughly deserved the applause which greeted their two songs.

Thoby ("Frank Sinatra") Alves had no swooning girls in his arms, or in the audience, but received a tremendous ovation at the end of his rendition of "Prisoner of Love," and "I can't begin to tell you."

## Nightingale

Heat, perspiration and discomfort were all forgotten when Lilla Xavier, popularly known as "The Nightingale," stepped before the footlights. She sang beautifully and her voice, nuances, and refreshing freshness held the large crowd.

Bobby Barnes, as a singing comedian, and Novy Barreto, as a singing clown, were great in a comic sketch.

Other performers who contributed to the success of the evening were Elycio Alves (violin solo), Alice Osmond (piano solo), Johnny Remedios and his son Eddie (piano) duo, Bobby Barnes, Henry Souza, Edo d'Almeida, Miss A. Baptista (accompanist), and a group of Chinese sword dancers.

It is to be hoped that when the performance is repeated tonight photographers will bear in mind that flash bulbs exploding in moments are distracting to both performers and the audience.

Due to the complete absence of electric fans, those attending to night's show would be well advised to bring their own fans.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



MR. BENITO BAUTISTA, Philippine Vice-Consul, (right) with Mrs. Medy Oranes and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Manalac receiving guests at the celebration of the second anniversary of the Philippine Republic at The Gripps Hotel yesterday.

## Local Filipinos Celebrate Independence Day

The Filipinos are not a soft people and the older nations of the world expect great things from them, said H.E. The Governor in his reply to the speech of welcome by Mr. Benito Bautista, Vice-Consul, at the celebrations of the second anniversary of the Philippines Independence held at The Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.

His Excellency, Lady Grantham, Mrs. W. R. Scott, Mr. J. E. McKenna (U.S. Consul-General), members of the Consular Corps, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. W. Kwok, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. A. Barnett, and about 400 other guests, were welcomed by Mr. Bautista, Miss Medy Oranes (Private Secretary), Mr. R. J. Manalac (President

## Holiday Death Toll

Chicago, July 4. A record-breaking Independence Day holiday spree sent the United States accidental deaths past the 100 mark last night.

Millions of Americans left their city homes for a long week-end in the country, jamming amusement parks, playground and beaches. Travelling was expected to be the heaviest in history.

The death toll rose steadily as the holiday progressed. At least 122 persons were killed. Traffic accidents took 65 lives, drownings 20, fireworks one, aeroplane crashes two, miscellaneous mishaps 34.

New York and Pennsylvania with nine fatalities each reported the most deaths.—United Press.

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## STUDYING HONG KONG'S TOURIST FACILITIES

That Hong Kong has potentially a tremendous volume of passenger traffic and that its harbour facilities are better and more efficient than those of most American ports, is the opinion of Mr. Leo A. Mathews, APL travel expert, who has covered 2,250,000 miles in 28 years.

An expert in the travel industry and the APL's General Passenger Agent, Mr. Mathews is on a six-month fact-finding mission for the furtherance of APL business contacts and goodwill in the Orient.

Mr. Mathews has completed half of his roving mission, for which he moves the colony his springboard. A regular contributor to trade publications for several years as a travel expert, he has made an intensive three-week study of local passenger traffic conditions. He left for Macao by plane yesterday and on Tuesday will go to Canton by steamer. He will return here by the KCR on Wednesday.

From here he will visit the Straits Settlements, Japan and the China ports. He has already visited Guam and the Philippines. Mr. Mathews expects to end his tour by September.

Among his assignments are the elimination of alleged "squeezes," the collection of local shopping information, and tourist interests, the local traffic movements and travel facilities for Chinese passengers.

## Crossroads

At least 65 per cent of the Chinese population in America are from South China and they form the greatest source of business for Trans-Pacific services. Hong Kong, as the focal point, benefits as the transit centre.

Mr. Mathews told the "China Mail" that when the General Mella arrived here last Friday about 500 passengers were landed within a much shorter time than could have been done at any other port.

"Hong Kong stands at the crossroads of sea and air traffic. Being the nearest and most up-to-date foreign port it serves as the springboard to the mainland. It subsequently controls the pulse of China's commercial activity," Mr. Mathews stated.

"Its efficient and streamlined air service is one of the colony's assets," he declared. "Hong Kong provides a wide network of air routes which most Oriental ports do not. Normally passengers, including tourists, and here by ship and fly out to other cities."

## Tourist Trade

"Kai Tak is a little too small to handle the traffic," the APL official said. "But its safe landing record is marvellous."

Hong Kong absorbs only five per cent of the American tourist trade, and "our main aim is to raise that figure. With more comprehensive local information spread throughout the States and more and traver liners, the Colony could have a profitable tourist trade in the near future."

"My mission is to gather data and induce the American public to come to the Orient," Mr. Mathews stated. "We have to sell them on it."

The President Wilson is coming here on July 18 with about 400 tourists, the largest number so far. Each is permitted to bring along US\$400, and it is likely that about HK\$1,000,000 will be spent in shopping," he asserted.

## BCOF Goodwill Runners

Tokyo, July 4.

Twenty-four members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force carried goodwill messages from the Commander-in-Chief of the BCOF, Lieutenant General H.C.H. Robertson, to Lieutenant General Robert Eichelberger and other American commanders in various parts of Japan on the occasion of Independence Day.

The men included 18 specially selected representatives from the 34th Australian Brigade and six from the Royal Australian Air Force.

General Robertson's message read in part: "On the battlefields of Europe, Africa, Asia and in the Pacific, men and women of our nations fought side by side against our common foes, who were endeavouring to destroy those liberties which are our common heritage and which you have so well expressed in your declaration of Independence."

"Here in Japan, friendships that have been renewed and strengthened, and our mutual respect has grown.—Reuter."

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By order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR, Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1948.

**HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Jacobson Room, first floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th July, 1948 at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon to receive and consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet, the Reports of the Council and Auditors, and elect Officers in place of those retiring and to consider alterations of Rules.

By Order of the Council L. F. de SOUZA, Hon. Secretary.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1948.

**NOTICE**

**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY**

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# CHINA SITUATION "TOUGH"

## Chen Li-Fu Interview In New York

### Aid From America Not Enough

New York, July 4.  
**Dr. Chen Li-fu, Vice-President of China's Legislative Yuan, said today that the "situation in China is, frankly speaking, tough."**  
He told a press conference that the "U.S.\$400,000,000 which the United States has appropriated in aid for China will serve to maintain the status quo but will be insufficient to enable us to move forward."

Dr. Chen said optimistically however that China previously in her history had faced many "tough" situations through which it came with flying colours and felt confident that the current problems, although serious, would be similarly surmounted.

Dr. Chen obtained leave of absence from his duties in Nanjing to attend the Moral Re-orientation Conference in Los Angeles. He is currently visiting New York after visits to Washington and Philadelphia.

He harped the Chinese Communists with using "inhuman" methods in fighting against the nationalist armies saying "They are a practice of pushing old people and children in front of their armies thus preventing our troops from firing upon them."

In discussing United States aid, Chen remarked that China's great size made the problem difficult.

"It is not that the amount is too small. But China's population is so great that the amount is dissipated. It must be compared in the light of American aid to Greece which is a much smaller country."

**Japan Treaty**  
Dr. Chen was asked whether he ever bothered him to hear criticism as his devotion to Communist principles tends to make him look backward. He said he was not bothered because the critics usually were not versed in Confucianism.

Remarking on China's attitude toward the Japanese peace treaty, he said China bore no grudge but would insist that Japan's war potential be restricted and only fair indemnity be paid to China.

Dr. Chen said he may visit Canada and Europe before returning to China in August.

**Reforms Needed**  
"They are trained for night fighting thus making identification difficult. Sometimes we fire and discover the victims are our own people; sometimes we hold our fire and the advancing people are actually Communist troops."

Also, when the Communists fight they seek not to occupy a city but to destroy it. In that way they create a relief problem for the Government hence tying up more troops.

"The psychological effect of these tactics contributes to inflation."

Dr. Chen said a modern war is not solely military but economic and political as well. He said land and banking reforms are necessary.

**C.C. Clique**  
He admitted that Nationalist soldiers are so underpaid that they frequently victimize villagers for food and property.

Dr. Chen likened China to a sick man who at the same time needed a transfusion (foreign aid) and internal cleansing (self aid).

When informed that the magazine "Business Week," last the recent student uprisings in Shanghai at the doors of the "C.C. Clique" Chen said he preferred not to affirm or deny this but simply to wait for facts to emerge to show the charges were preposterous.

He then remarked "There is no such thing as the C.C. Clique. It is a name given to me by the Communists dating back to 1929 when the Kuomintang split up among many groups."

**U.S. Aid**  
"As Secretary General of the Party I attempted to consolidate the Party at the convention but the Communists intrigued with various factions saying Chen has a Central Club why not keep your own clique?"

"As a matter of fact there was never any such thing as a Central Club but it was from these words that the letters 'CC' arose rather than from my name."

**WEATHER SHIPS**  
Washington, July 3.  
The Coast Guard announced today it is receiving 15 seagoing vessels from the U.S. Navy for an expanded weather station programme in the North Atlantic and Pacific. The ships will gather data which will be of great use to planes and surface ships.

**SHIP MOVEMENTS**  
Seattle, July 3.  
Ships' movements: Brainerd Victory departed for Guam—Associated Press.

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### EARTHQUAKE TOLL INCREASES

Tokyo, July 3.  
National police headquarters said today figures as of 1430 July third, local time, show 14,370 killed, injured and missing in the Fukui earthquake.

This toll probably will be increased the police said.

Police figures for Fukui and Ishikawa prefectures—two of the hardest hit in Japan's most serious post-war disaster—listed 4,841 dead, 9,476 injured, 65 missing.

Latest Army figures listed 1,595 dead, 2,002 seriously injured, 8,231 injured.

Police statistics also indicated the extent of property damage caused by the quake at 38,000 houses and buildings collapsed while another 7,000 were destroyed by fire—Associated Press.

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Dr. Chen said he may visit Canada and Europe before returning to China in August.

### WOMEN STAND UP BETTER TO ATOM AFTER-EFFECTS

Chicago, July 3.  
Women are apparently more resistant than men to the devastating after-effects of an atomic blast, a medical journal said today.

The conclusion, based on studies at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, was reported editorially in the American Journal of Roentgenology and Radium Therapy.

The journal said that the study of sex incidence of casualties showed the distribution equal in one area studied, but that in another sector more women survived than men.

### EUROPE ADVISED: HELP OURSELVES

San Francisco, July 4.  
Aid to Europe under the Marshall Plan is valueless "unless we help ourselves," believes a French Government delegate to the International Labour Organisation.

Henry Hauck of France said his country has joined with Great Britain and the Benelux countries to make American aid succeed.

He spoke yesterday during the seventh day of discussion on the annual report of Edward Phelan, Acting Director General. Debates continue today and Monday on the report.

The ILO elected a new governing body. Three year terms went to eight employer and eight worker representatives and eight nations. The remaining eight seats, non-elective, are held by the major industrial countries—Brazil, Canada, Belgium, China, France, India, Great Britain and the United States.

Chosen to name representatives later were Argentina, Italy, Australia, Peru, Denmark, Turkey and Poland.

Employer representatives are Pedro Chapa, Mexico, William Gemmill, South Africa, Bhagwandass Mehta, India, H.C. Oersted, Denmark, Julio Pong, Uruguay, Pierre Waline, France, Sir John Forbes-Watson, Britain, and David Zellerbach, United States.

### Soviet Attacks Bevin

Moscow, July 4.  
The Soviet Literary Gazette has published a strong attack on Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, describing him as the "actual boss of the Atlantic Government."

"Meritedly, he occupies the post as one of the main enemies of the international monopolies in Europe," the paper said.

"He considers it most useful to let blood run in Palestine and tries to set Arabs against Jews, and vice versa."

The paper said the statements by Mr. Bevin in his recent speech to the House of Commons on Germany were impudent, cynical lies.

There were the assertion that Russia was not fulfilling the Potsdam Agreement and that demilitarisation had been fully achieved in the Western Zones.

### "No More Hiroshima" Movement

Tokyo, July 4.  
The Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto of Nagasaki Church said today that he has received a letter from the Rev. Alfred W. Parker of the Baptist Church, Oakland, California, revealing a "global movement for no more Hiroshima."

He claimed the letter said the movement is being pushed vigorously in the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Canada, Denmark, China, Switzerland, India, Norway, Argentina, Greece and Africa.

Rev. Parker allegedly told his Japanese colleague that the 4,000 delegates attending the recent Milwaukee convention of the North American Baptist Church resolved "to pray and repent" for Hiroshima on the third anniversary of the atom bombing of that city on August 6.

Rev. Parker reportedly proposed a plan to hold an International Christian Convention in Hiroshima in the near future.

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Until further notice Parcel Post Service to the Province of Honan, China, is suspended.

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With effect from July 1948, and until further notice, the Inward Air Mail from U.S.A. via Manila, P.I., by "P.A.A." will now schedule to arrive at Hong Kong on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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**CHICAGO GRAINS**

Chicago, July 3.  
Corn prices dropped as much as 7 cents as splendid weather spread over the Midwest and a private forecast of a crop of more than three billion bushels was published.

Other grains were depressed by the break in corn.

Wheat closed 1½ to 2 U.S. cents lower, July 228-4, Sept. 229-4-228, Dec. 230-7-231-4.

Corn off July 212½-4; Oats 4 to 2 U.S. cents lower; Rye 1½-3½ lower—Associated Press.

**CANADA EXPORT RULING**

Ottawa, July 4.  
The Canadian Government announced that export permits will be required after July 14 for all commodities shipped from Canada to most European and Middle East countries.

The regulations were imposed because of the increasing demand for supplies under the European recovery programme—Associated Press.

**COTTON APPEAL**

Boston, July 4.  
The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers has appealed to President Truman for an increased import quota of long staple Egyptian cotton. It told the President that some mills faced a shutdown very soon because they were unable to obtain enough long staple to continue operations—Associated Press.

San Francisco, July 3.  
The Bank of America obtained permission to extend its Far Eastern services with branch banks in Yokohama and Kobe. Permits were issued by the Federal Reserve system and Central MacArthur—Associated Press.

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# SHANGHAI STILL PUZZLED BY FINANCIAL PROSPECTS

## MONEY TIGHT AS MARKETS REOPEN

Shanghai, July 3. The puzzle of Shanghai's financial and economic future today continued to be the biggest news to this city's 5,000,000 people.

Today marked the re-opening of banks, stock and commodity exchanges after a two-day fiscal year-end holiday but the half-day service was not sufficient to provide an answer whether the two-day recess in trading would have any effect on curbing runaway prices and the currency black market.

## Italy To Get Same Treatment

Rome, July 3. The Foreign Minister, Count Sforza, said today that any concessions won by France or Britain in the bilateral ERP accords with the United States would extend to Italy.

Sforza appeared before the Special Parliamentary Committee examining Italy's ERP agreement. Sforza answered left criticisms that Italy acted too hastily and thus made sacrifices that France and Britain may avoid.

He replied that the Italian Ambassador in Washington, Alberto Turchini, had reported that any improvements gained by other countries would be applied to Italy on request. Sforza also said the accord contains nothing that concerns military agreements with the United States and assured the committee that it had no bearing on the Western European union. The committee will file majority and minority reports to the House of Deputies by Monday when a debate will open.—United Press.

## GERMANS BACK COMINFORM

Berlin, July 3. The Communist-dominated German Socialist Unity Party supported Cominform accusations against the Yugoslav Communist Party, the Soviet Licensed German news agency, ADN, reported.

A declaration issued by the Party's Central Secretariat stressed the dangers arising from the Communist Party of one country neglecting links with the Soviet Party.

The declaration alleged that leading Yugoslav Communists in Belgrade were distributing propaganda against the Cominform and described the action as "a gross breach of usages in the international labour movement."

## BILATERAL PACT SIGNED

Luxembourg, July 3. Luxembourg, one of the three Benelux countries, today intimated the bilateral pact with the United States for Marshall aid.

M. Pierre Dupong, the Luxembourg Foreign Minister, and Mr. George P. Waller, the United States Minister, intimated the agreement, which will shortly be laid before the Chamber of Deputies.—Reuter.

## WAGE INCREASE

Washington, July 3. President Truman today signed a bill giving wage increases from July 1 of \$450 a year to about 478,000 postal employees and \$330 to about 840,000 classified civil service workers.

The bill does not affect civil servants overseas.—Reuter.

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## Neutrality Advocated For Asia

Bombay, July 3. Sarat Chandra Bose, the former Minister of Works in the All-India Interim Government, today urged India to take the immediate steps to form a "United Nations" South Asia countries in order to remain neutral in the event of another war.

"If we are not prepared to preserve our neutrality we shall surely be dragged in alongside the British and American powers against Russia," he said at a public meeting, adding that India's alignment with either side would be disastrous.—Reuter.

## Gesture By Dr Kung

Shanghai, July 4. Dr. H.H. Kung, former Premier and Finance Minister, has donated his entire investment in the China Development Finance Corporation to the Kuomintang Members Mutual Aid Foundation, according to the China Press today.

The wartime Premier made the donation known at a meeting of the Corporation's Board of Directors, held here today, through a statement which he sent from New York, where he is now residing.

The statement, which exhorted other holders of the Corporation's stocks to do likewise to alleviate the sufferings of surviving members of families of Kuomintang personages who fell fighting the Japanese and Communists, was read by Dr. Li Shieh-seng, Director of the firm, who presided at the meeting.

While the amount of Dr. Kung's donation is unknown, it is believed to be considerable. The China Development Finance Corporation is one of the largest Chinese commercial and industrial ventures in this country and Dr. Kung is Chairman of its Board of Directors.—Reuter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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**STRATEGY AS IN WAR**

WINNING strategy in bridge is much akin to that in successful warfare. Often it consists of keeping the enemy uninformed—or, better, misinformed—about your own situation and what you are doing, while knowing exactly what he has and what he is up to. A man who can display a genius for that sort of thing at the bridge table should also be able in helping plot the defence of his country. In fact, just such a man is—and how!

S. 10 9 8  
H. J 7 6  
D. 8 7  
C. Q 6 5 4 3 2  
S. Q J 3 2  
H. K 9 4 2  
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N. W. E. S. A. K 5  
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D. 10 9 7 5  
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S. 7 6 4  
H. 8 5 3  
D. A K Q J 6 2  
C. 10

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable).

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1 NT 2 C 2 NT Pass  
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H. A K 10  
D. A 9  
C. 7 8 5 4

S. J 4  
H. 8 5 4 3  
D. J 10 7  
C. K J

N. W. E. S. A. 9 8 3  
H. J 9 7 6  
D. 6 2  
C. 10 9 3

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## Shanghai Garrison Swoop On Operators

Shanghai, July 4. On the first day of the introduction of the emergency price control measures, the Garrison and police authorities yesterday supervised the rice and cotton markets, restricted "outside" Stock Exchange dealings, dismantled inter-office telephones and arrested many suspect black-market dealers.

In carrying out the new measure restricting the influx of large funds, members of the Garrison forces compelled a woman coming here from Hainan to deposit CN\$500 million at the Central Bank, according to Chinese press reports.

The new ruling permits only carrying by any one passenger of C. N. \$200 million, whereas the woman brought in CN\$500 million.

During the past 24 hours, police and Garrison officers are said to have dismantled 47 inter-office telephones believed to have been used for out of market dealings.

Chinese reports said President Chiang Kai-shek has assigned his eldest son, General Chiang Ching-kuo, to come to Shanghai to inform the Garrison commander, General Hsuan Ti-wu, that the National Government is drafting a set of measures to stabilise the local economy.—Reuter.

## OSLO APPROVES AID PACT

Oslo, July 3. The Norwegian Parliament today approved the signing of the bilateral Marshall aid agreement with the United States by 108 votes to 11.

The opposition consisted of Parliament's eleven Communists.—Reuter.

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1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—"The Old Rocking-Chair" (BBC7S).  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.00 p.m.—Grand Symphony Orchestra.  
6.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Hour Presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio).  
7.00 p.m.—Music for Romance, Flow Leopold and His Players, Jack Cooper (Vocal) (BBC7S).  
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
8.15 p.m.—Lighting on the Films by Viv Garton (Studio).  
8.40 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Valerie Beecling (Studio).  
9.00 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Clara Stansfeld (Studio).  
9.20 p.m.—Orchestra Raymond.  
9.22 p.m.—"The man who wasn't there" A Mystery Play by Victor Andrews (BBC7S).  
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.30 p.m.—"Take Your Choice".  
10.45 p.m.—Broadcast by the Prime Minister "The New Social Services and the Citizen" (London Relay).  
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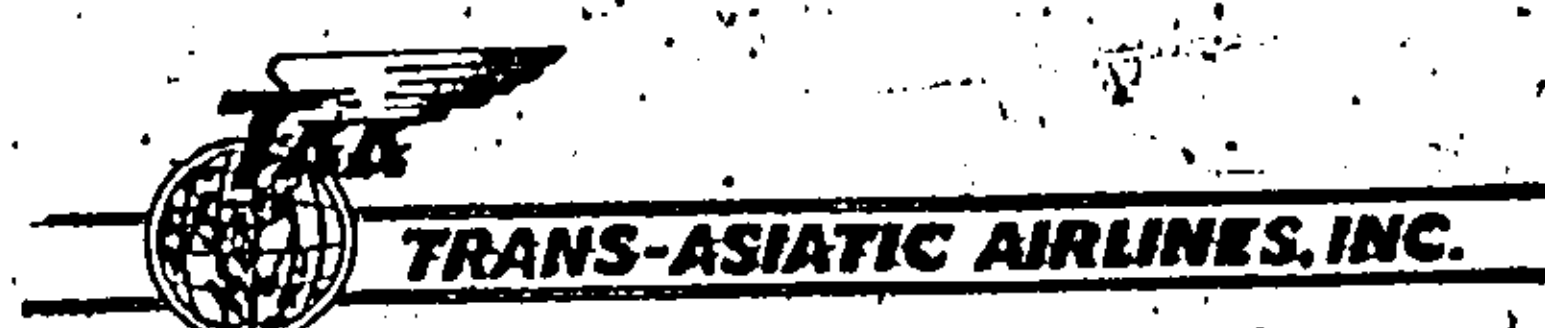
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EDGE OF THE  
SICKLE

In commenting on the wave of terrorism in Malaya, a British newspaper ingeniously says that there is no sign of direct Russian intervention. There is no need for Russia to intervene so that all the world can see: Non-Russian Communists are slavishly ready to execute the Kremlin's policy in any country. It is only when "national" Communism reaches a certain pitch that the Russians come out into the open and take charge. Communism is feverishly at work all over the Far East. It is feverishly at work in India, where optimists say the situation is now "settling down." It had often been proclaimed, since 1918, that Palestine was settling down, merely because there was a lull, born of temporary exhaustion, in the fighting between the two contending nationalities in the Holy Land. In India today, the Communists are working strenuously and unceasingly against the Hindustan Government. The heat will be turned on more and more as the months go by.

The aim of the Communists should be manifest to an intelligent child. It is to win control of the whole of Asia, with its fantastically huge resources in manpower and raw materials. While Britain remained in India the consummation of that aim could not possibly be achieved. But now it is another story. There is nothing to prevent Asia ultimately falling under Russian influence if we supremely accept the Bolshevik challenge. It is true that General MacArthur is still in Japan, but his tenure of office there is precarious, for he is under the fire of the Communists in the United States. Their hostility to him is none the less implacable by reason of the brilliance with which he has managed affairs in Japan. If the Kremlin were ever to get the Continent of Asia firmly in its grip there would be nothing to prevent it capturing the world, especially if the Russians, by adroit policies, got their half of Germany actively on the Russian side.

Britain is playing a not inconsiderable part in furthering the fortunes of Bolshevism in Europe. On strategic grounds—both as to military and political strategy—the Russians are determined to capture Spain, and the first step towards that end must, clearly, be to bring about the fall of General Franco. Russia's attitude towards Spain should be enough to persuade any sensible Briton that ours ought to be the polar opposite. And yet Socialists in the House of Commons constantly pass offensive remarks about General Franco. America is acting much more realistically. It would act still more realistically, in the shape of increased help to Spain, if it were not that European Socialists would make trouble in that event. The Bolshevik-inspired outrages in Malaya are not, to state the obvious, isolated efforts. They are part and parcel of a universal plan, whose ultimate triumph would annihilate not only Great Britain, but also Socialism wherever the Bolshevik writ might run.

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Now any British subject, whatever his race, colour or creed, can come here and look for work. All he needs is a valid passport. Most of the West Indians on their way here are ex-Servicemen. They became accustomed to a higher

population to the U.S. and Latin American have largely been settled.

Recently attempts were made to persuade Brazil and Venezuela to take some of the unemployed coloured labourers. They replied they were sorry, they wanted settlers but not coloured men.

By VICTOR  
HUDSON

standard of life than they can achieve in the Isles where the offices of the ex-Servicemen's Associations are thronged with men waiting for something to turn up.

When there were a few hundred labouring jobs available 9,000 men lined up. Those not accepted tore down the fences in a fury of disappointment and had to be dispersed with tear-gas. There is no doubt, and the average labourer, when in work, earns about 5s. a day on the sugar plantations. All imported foods are dear, and although the main industry is the growing of food the internal economy does not allow for production of much food for home consumption.

## Overcrowded Islands

Unemployment is so bad that the authorities have considered putting the clock back a few decades by prohibiting the importation of labour-saving machinery. The islands—Jamaica, Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad, Tobago, Leeward and Windward Islands—are overcrowded, and former outlets for the surplus

Bandit Asks For  
Marshall Aid

By G. D. K. McCORMICK

For barefaced impudence or debonair bravado the latest request for Marshall Aid takes some beating.

It has been made by a 25-year-old Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano.

The bandit's request for Marshall Aid, issued from his stronghold, "stronghold" near Palermo, was based on the following remarkable claims:

That he alone could save Sicily from the threat of Communism; that he would be prepared to

raise an army to make Sicily U.S.A. territory; that he is the only man who has actively fought Communism in Sicily.

To cap these claims he has asked the Americans for a ship and money to supplement his own armory.

Banditry, and piracy have been on the increase recently in the Mediterranean area, and much of the blame has been placed on his young shoulders.

The French police have reason to believe that the Sicilian has agents in Algeria and Corsica from whom he gets arms. One of their officials in Algiers told me:

"I believe Giuliano has created a legend about his mountain stronghold. I think he uses a yacht as his headquarters."

Giuliano repudiates all connection with the terrorist Mafia (Black Hand) gang, which has long menaced Sicily. Part of his propaganda published in his occasional "bulletins" is that, like Robin Hood, he only robs the rich to benefit the needy.

Labour  
Leader  
Refuses  
To Speak

Washington, July 3. The AFL president, Mr. William Green, today said that he has rejected an invitation to address the Democratic National Convention. No reasons were given.

CIO President Philip Murray has not yet indicated whether he will accept a similar invitation. Mr. Murray is one of the delegates to the Convention from Pennsylvania.

A spokesman for A.F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said that the Union President would accept the invitation to speak to the Convention. There is no indication from Daniel J. Tobin, President of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, whether he would accept.

All four have been lukewarm to President Truman's candidacy for a full four-year term in the White House. Mr. Murray is reported to have been one of the Democrats working behind the scenes for the draft Eisenhower movement to head the Democratic ticket.—United Press.

JET FLIGHT  
DELAYED

Edinburgh, July 3. Strong head winds delayed the take off today of six Royal Air Force Vampires on the first jet plane crossing of the Atlantic.

An Air Ministry spokesman in London said, weather reconnaissance flights would be made to decide whether the Vampires can take off on Sunday morning.—Associated Press.

Paris, July 3. In a telegram to the Annual Congress of the French Socialist Party here today Tran Ngoc Danh, the Vietnamese Socialist leader in Paris said: "It is in the supreme interest of the French Socialist Party and of France herself to be in concert with Ho Chi Minh (Leader of the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement). Join with us in demanding the opening of negotiations for an understanding with Ho Chi Minh's Government for it is not too late."—Reuters.

TOO FEW CELLS  
FOR TOO MANY  
PRISONERS

Full reports on the gool-breaks will be on his desk when Mr. Lionel Fox reaches his office in Horseferry House, Westminster.

Mr. Fox, spare, 53-year-old Civil Servant from Riddlesdown Road, Purley, Surrey is the £40,000-a-year chairman of the Prison Commissioners. With his two fellow-Commissioners, Mr. Fox is the man responsible to the Home Secretary, and the public for the good management of Britain's 35 gaols and 15 Borstal institutions.

Mr. Fox has many acute problems just now, and gool-breaks are only one of them. These are some of the others:

1. There is an acute shortage of cells, and in many gaols they are having to put three, and even four, prisoners in one cell—and it is in such cells that most escape plans are hatched.
2. The crime-wave curve, steepest since the early years of the century, is still rising. People are being gaoled at the rate of 100,000 a year, and the "resident" prison population today is nearly 20,000. Pre-war it averaged between 10,000 and 11,000.
3. Between the wars, when law-breaking decreased, several prisons were de-commissioned, with consequent loss of cell accommodation. Preston and Canterbury gaols have been recommissioned.
4. There is a shortage of warders and wardresses. While the prison population has nearly doubled since 1919, the number of prison officers has risen only from 2,550 to 3,000.

Warders cite cases of one man being expected to supervise 700 prisoners, a near-hopeless task.

5. Like everything else, the cost of keeping people in gool has gone up.

Pre-war every time a judge or magistrate sentenced an offender he became a £3-a-week charge on the taxpayers. Today the weekly bill is £4 10s. and the overall cost of the prisons now totals more than £4,600,000 a year. Crime makes us pay.

Where does all that money go? The warders say they don't get it. Their pay averages £21 8s. a week, plus quarters and uniforms. Goal governors average £20 a week, plus quarters.

Prisoners say they don't get it. They can earn an average of 7d. a week, mostly making those manglebags you see on railway platforms.

**Stark Routine**  
Prison diet is mostly soup, porridge, minced-meat, potatoes.

bread, and cocoa. A few months ago the Home Secretary told Parliament that the average prisoner's intake in calories was 2,712, against a civilian average of 2,700.

Prison routine is simple, stark. Prisoners are awakened between 6.30 and 7 a.m.; they must wash, tidy up, breakfast in their cells. Then out to the shops, or field work if they are lucky, back to the cells at mid-day for a meal and a further period—behind bars. Back to work at 2 p.m., return to cell at 4.30 p.m.

There are also regular exercise periods. Around 5 p.m. the prisoner gets a last meal—roll of bread and mug of cocoa—and there he is until next morning. Reformers estimate that long night, about 13 hours, and say it is then that the brooding prisoners get up to mischief, plot escapes, especially in communal cells.

**Without Bars**  
They also attack the dreary, medieval—cattle prisons, more "prisons without bars" like those at Wakefield and (for women) Askham, Yorkshire.

A lot of offenders, they say, are being gaoled when they should be put on probation, which would ease the overcrowding—prison earnings should be higher and more, should be done to separate "bad hats" from casual offenders.

In short, they contend that the general system is much too haphazard, is too punitive and not correctional enough.

Sentences up to three years are mostly served at local gaols—convicts serving three years and more go to Dartmoor, Parkhurst, or Camp Hill, Isle of Wight.

Pathway to prison from the police court or assize court dock is routine. At the gool, the now, comes has to strip, bathe, if handed a prison outfit, heavy underclothes, dungaree—suit of grey or brown.

Immediately he, or she, becomes a number, is allotted to a cell 13ft. long 11ft. wide 8ft. high, stone floor, small barred window high in the outside wall. And the cell may have to be shared by three or four prisoners.

Letters out and in are strictly rationed; the prisoner is allowed a visitor every two weeks if a first offender, otherwise one a month.

**Stark Monotony**  
Punishment inside gool includes being put on No. 1 diet (1lb. of bread daily and water); No. 2 diet (1½ lb. of bread, 8 oz. potatoes, 1 pint of porridge, and water); or having to sleep without a mattress.

By good conduct a short-term prisoner can cut his sentence by one-third.

But none of this even scrapes the problem of the monotony of gool life, which is the chief cause of those break-outs.

US To Supervise  
Distribution  
Of Aid To China

Washington, July 3.

A State Department spokesman today pointed out that the major difference between the European and Chinese ECA agreements is that the United States will have an equal voice in the distribution and processing of ECA goods which China receives.

Article four emphasized that this will mean an extension of the present limited Chinese rationing and prices controls.

Other informed sources regard this as the outgrowth of the unsatisfactory UNRRA and CNRRA experience in which goods handed over to the Chinese authorities allegedly sometimes blossomed in the black market.

China is a special case in the ECA operation in any event because its programme was created separately from that for European nations.

This made possible a provision—article three—which pledges China to try to improve commercial relations with all countries by, among other things, creating "fair and equitable" import and exchange relations.

"This is also subject to United States review and it is hoped by United States business interests that it will relax the vexing controls which at present inhibit trade."

## Assets In U.S.

Neither this article nor the distribution article—article four—are included in the European agreements.

The State Department said, however, that the provision—article two—sub-section A-2—which pledges China to locate assets owned by Chinese nationals in the United States is not unique.

Some observers regarded this as an important clause, nevertheless, a view of frequent reports that Chinese nationals have large holdings in the United States.

TRAWLERS FOR  
BRITAIN

Lisbon, July 3. Twelve British motor fishing vessels of between 50 and 70 tons built by the Admiralty during and since the war in the Mediterranean arrived at Lisbon today en route for Britain.

To save fuel and crews four of the smaller boats are being towed. "On arrival" in Britain they will be released by the Admiralty to the fishing industry.—Associated Press.

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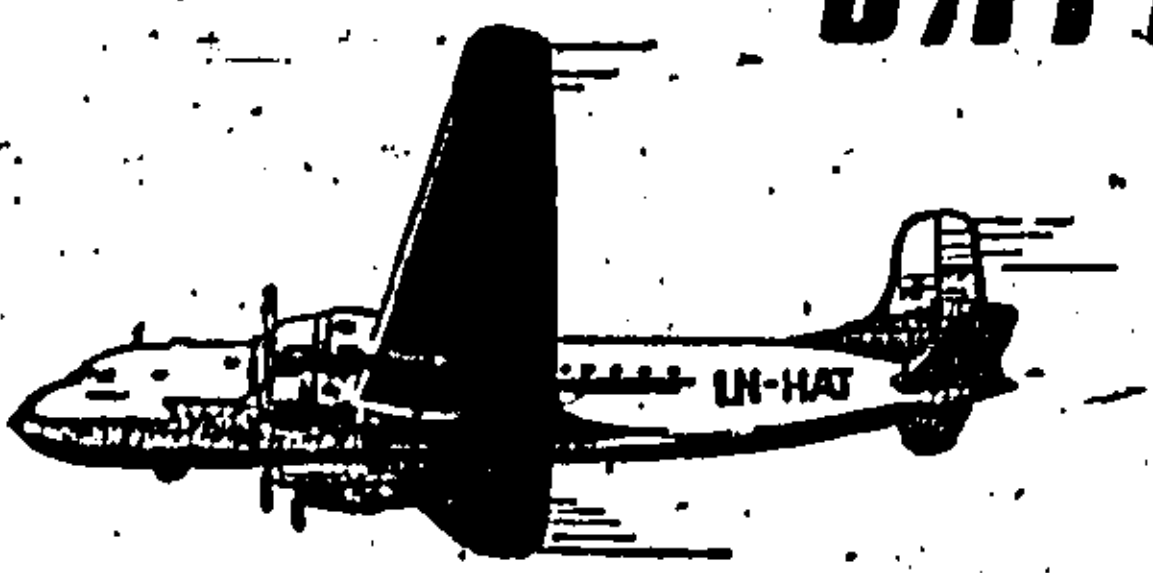
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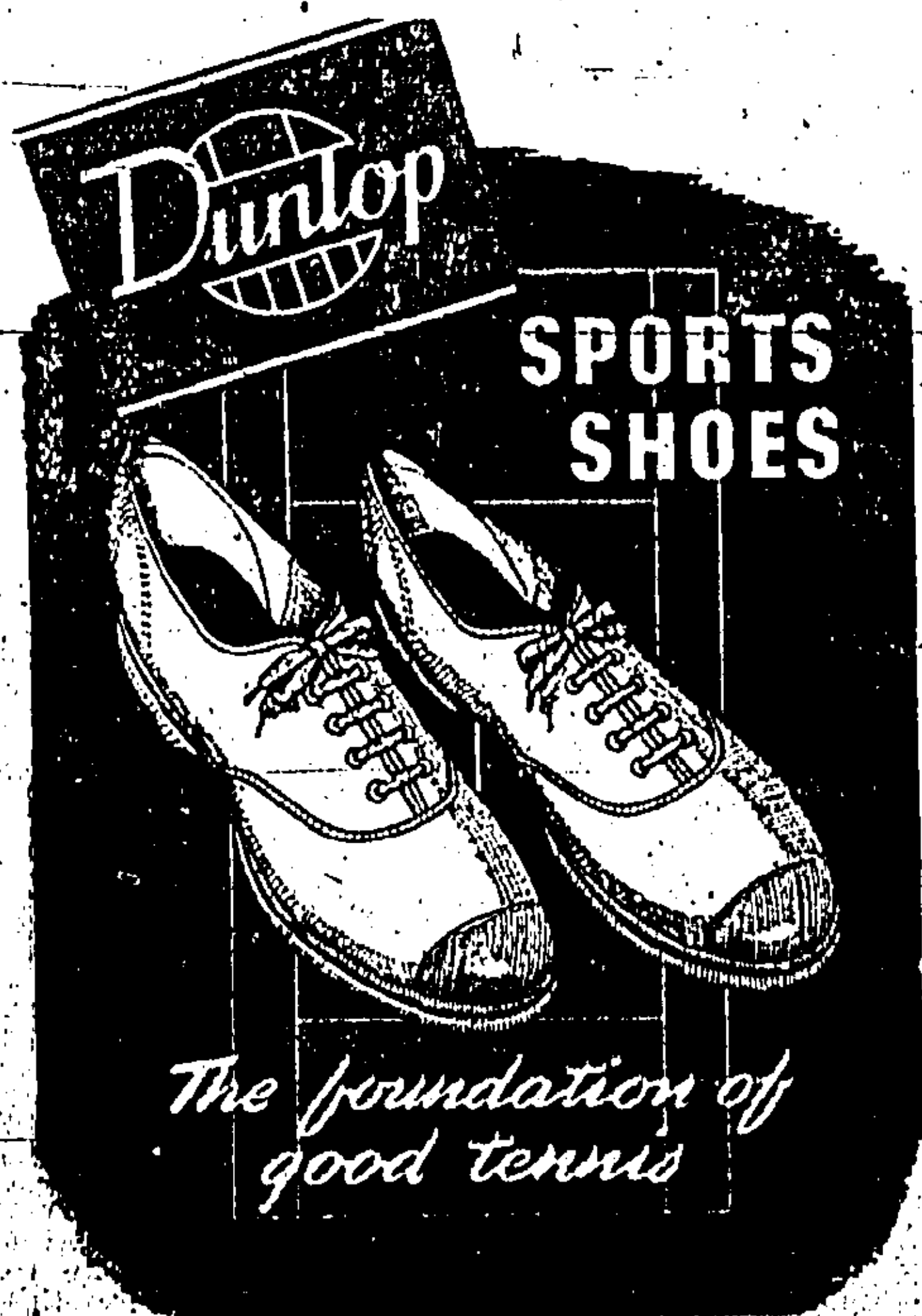
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# BERLIN BLOCKADE TO STAY

Sokolovsky Refuses Any Assurances

No Change In Situation:  
"Air Bridge" Continues

Berlin, July 3.

The Russians refused at a four power meeting today to say they would lift their Berlin food blockade. And Allied airmen prepared to sacrifice their Fourth of July holiday to continue operating the flying breadline.

An American spokesman announced that Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet commander, met U.S., British and French military commanders for 30 minutes. The spokesman said Sokolovsky refused to give any assurances about raising the blockade.

The meeting was in answer to a letter by the British military governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, asking that a date be set for removing the blockade.

As the top officials met, airborne supplies streamed into Berlin. And after the fruitless meeting, General Lucius D. Clay, the U.S. military governor, announced the air shuttle will continue and be increased. "We will keep it going as long as the American people want to keep it up," declared Clay. "I remember that we kept one up over the hump to China for over a year."

Clay added he thought the French would take part in the emergency air freight service to feed the two million residents of Berlin's Western sectors, and that they would "contribute what they could."

Those representing the Western Allies at the meeting, held in Sokolovsky's residence on the outskirts of Berlin, were Clay, Robertson and General Holzer, Deputy French military governor.

## No Change

The American spokesman said the three went to Sokolovsky to tell him the two-week blockade of Western Berlin was becoming a serious matter and that they wanted some assurance that "technical difficulties" blocking traffic would be overcome.

The Russians said "technical difficulties" caused the ban on rail traffic at the start of the blockade.

"We were able to obtain no assurances and the meeting was adjourned," the spokesman said. "The situation remains unchanged."

He said the meeting was held in an atmosphere which was "polite, courteous and not unfriendly."

The meeting was the first between the four occupation chiefs since the March 20 walkout of the Russians from the Allied Control Council.

## Trade Boycott

It came about as suddenly as the blockade itself, which now is in its third week. The spokesman said the three Western commanders requested the meeting on Saturday morning and that the Russian commander gave his acceptance around noon.

After the meeting the three Western commanders held a half-hour conference of their own. Then they disclosed that the meeting with Sokolovsky had been fruitless.

As a result of the deadlock it appeared likely that the Western powers will have to approach the Kremlin directly to solve the issue. A three-power protest has been reported postponed in London for several days to await the outcome of a Berlin conference such as took place tonight.

The American military government newspaper Neue Zeitung said that Soviet central headquarters in Berlin had started a trade boycott against the three Western sectors of the city, ordering that no Berlin

products be sold into the Western sectors.

## Coup Possible

American military government officials speculated on the possibility that the Russians and their German Communist allies might try to take over control of Berlin's Soviet Democratic city government.

"They said, however, 'we are prepared for any such eventuality.'"

They said the Western Allies would resist any Russian attempt to upset four power control of the elected German city government.—Associated Press.

## Lord Louis Drops Hint

London, July 3.

Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten hinted here today that he may return to the Navy this year.

Earl Mountbatten who returned from India last week on relinquishing his position as Governor-General, had been mentioned unofficially as a possible ambassador to Moscow or as High Commissioner to Malaya.

Speaking at a meeting today of the Royal Life Saving Society, he said: "If, as seems likely, I have the luck to hoist my flag at sea this year, I shall have to be away again, but I shall always take the greatest interest in your society."—Reuter.

# BELGRADE'S REPLY TO ALBANIAN MOVE: ALLEGATION DENIED

Belgrade, July 3.

The Yugoslav Government today handed a note to the Albanian Government in reply to the latter's cancellation of all economic agreements and protocols signed between the two countries, the Yugoslav news agency, Tanyug, announced tonight.

The Yugoslav Government stated that Albania had profited considerably by exchanges under the programme of economic cooperation which was aimed at giving efficient friendly aid to Albania in view of the backwardness of her economy and the ravages she had suffered during the war.

The Albanian Government's allegations that the Yugoslav Government did not faithfully fulfil its obligations under the treaties were incorrect and absurd, the reply stated.

Or the contrary, the responsibility lay with the Albanian Government.

According to a clause of the treaties, both parties had agreed to seek, in a sincere and friendly way, the solution of any problems which might arise in their operation.

## Incompatible

The Albanian Government had failed to resort to this means and had not raised any queries.

"The cancellation of the agreement is incompatible with Albanian-Yugoslav treaty of alliance, cooperation and mutual assistance," the note said.

Marshal Josip Tito's Government had already sent three notes to Albania, two of them yesterday, protesting against

branches of the economic agreement and "provocative incidents." Earlier today, Tanyug reported that Albania had broken off economic relations with Yugoslavia and expelled the experts sent to Albania under the "Economic Union" treaty of 1946.

In its protest note, the Yugoslav Government declared that the economic agreements could not be unilaterally broken by either party without committing a "flagrant violation of the treaties and without contradicting the fundamental principles of international law."—Reuter.

## FORD EXECUTIVE DEAD

Detroit, July 3.

Albert J. Browning, 49, Vice-President of the Ford Motor Company and head of the Army's wartime Procurement Program, died of a heart ailment last night.—United Press.

# Union Jack "Insult" To The Highlands

Fort William, Invernesshire, July 3.

At today's ceremony of hoisting the Union Jack which was hauled down in Fort William, Calcutta, last year when India was created a Dominion, a Scottish Nationalist, Miss Wendy Wood, rushed at it from among the onlookers. After a struggle with the police she was removed and the flag was hoisted amid cheers.

The flag had been handed over to the safe keeping of the town by Field Marshal Auchinleck, former Supreme Commander in India. It had been given to him after the last British soldiers had marched out of Fort William, Calcutta, with the suggestion that it might be offered to Fort William, Scotland.

The Provost of Fort William, Scotland, accepting the flag, said: "We salute the flag that symbolises the common destinies of Britain and India as free peoples."

Miss Wood said later that she tried to stop the ceremony because it was "an insult to the Highlands." The flag came from Fort William, Calcutta, which was created by force just as Fort William, Invernesshire, was.

"The people of India had the audacity (courage) to force that flag down when they won freedom from English rule. To offer that flag to Fort William is to say the people of the Highlands have less courage than the Indian."—Reuter.

# US War Claims In Two Wars

Washington, July 3.

President Truman today signed legislation establishing a three-man commission to investigate the claims of American citizens against Japan and other enemy nations in both World Wars.

President Truman criticized the Congress, however, for failing to vote "adequate funds" to make the act completely workable.

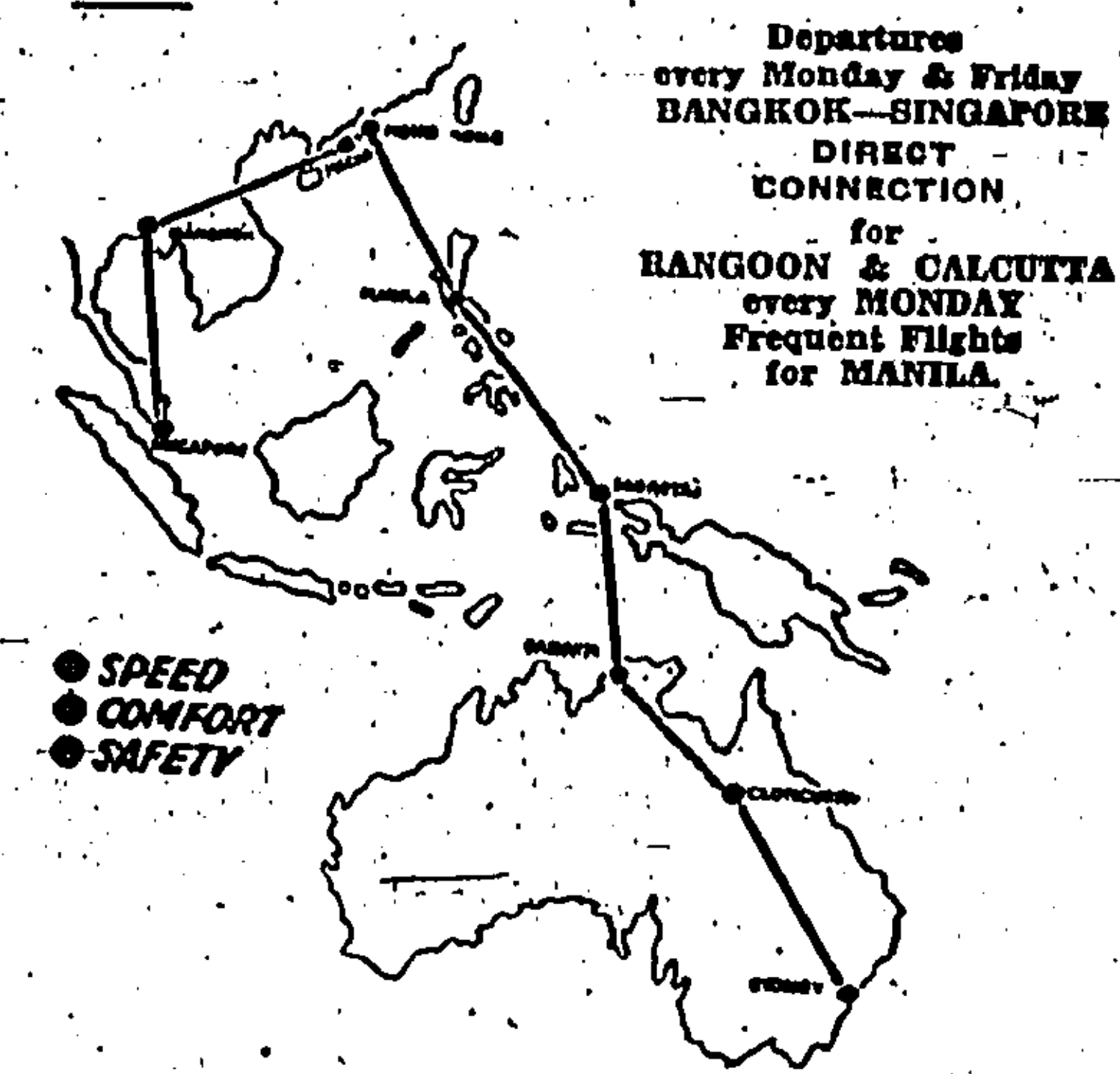
Under the bill, the commission is required to deliver periodic reports to the Congress. The first report will be made next March 31.

The law also forbids the return to Japanese or German nationals of any property in the United States seized during the war. The property will be sold and the proceeds turned into the general Treasury fund.

Mr. Truman said he was "in hearty accord" with the basic objectives of the legislation. But he said the act did not provide adequate funds to carry on the commission activities.—United Press.

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# Chinese General Charged

Peking, July 3.  
Garrison authorities here levelled charges against Major General Ma Han-shan, prominent official here who was arrested on Thursday.

(Ma Han-shan is not to be confused with General Ma Han-shan, who led the Manchurian "volunteers" against the Japanese after their invasion of the North-east in 1931).

Ma Han-shan was chief of the civil affairs bureau of the Peking municipal government. The authorities accused him of trading with the Communists. They also charged him with black marketing and other illicit deals and illegal misappropriation of property valued at CN\$700,000,000,000.

Ma Han-shan was unaware he was under suspicion when arrested at a dinner given by senior officers of the North China Command. Authorities said his trial would be held in Nanking.—Associated Press.

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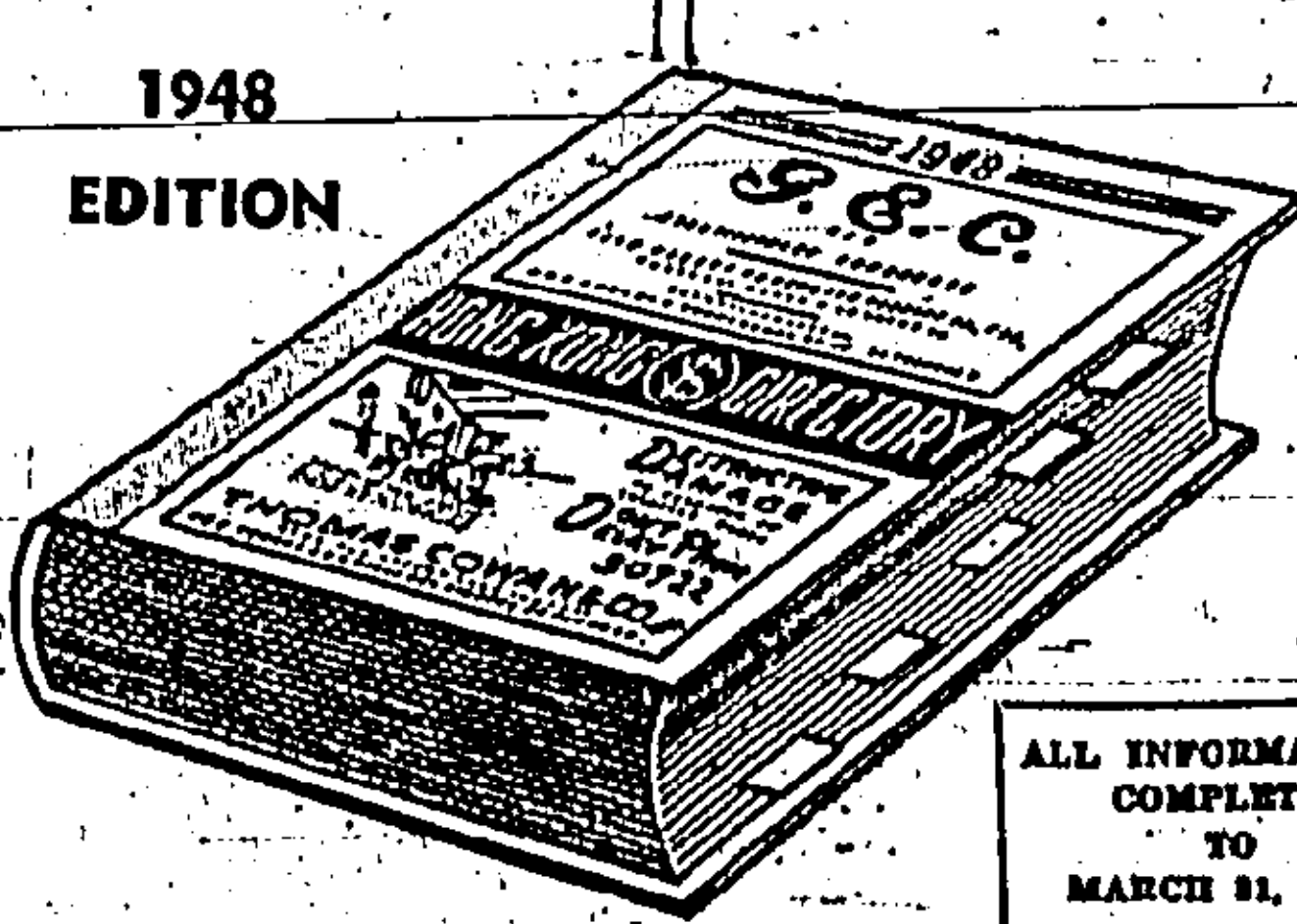
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# EUROPE'S UNEASY WEEKEND

## Showdown Over Berlin Crisis Expected

### Stiff Protest To The Kremlin?

London, July 3.

Western Europe started an uneasy week and today aware of the fact that next week probably will produce a showdown with the Russians in Berlin and a hint about the fate of Yugoslavia's defiant Marshal Tito.

After a week of nearly continuous American, French and British consultations, a joint course of action was understood to have been agreed upon. The first step was Gen. Sir Brian Robertson's early morning letter to the Russian commander, Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, offering a new meeting on the Berlin crisis.

The next step is expected to be a stiff three-power protest directly to Moscow. It will be in tough and unmistakable language but short of an ultimatum, which the West could not back up with force.

A Foreign Office spokesman hinted that a three-power protest to Moscow, if made, probably will await Russia's reply to the British overtures for new talks on the crisis in Berlin.

The spokesman was extremely cautious in his comment, refusing to confirm that there is any such thing as a draft note in existence. But for guidance he suggested that nothing new on the diplomatic level is likely to occur on the Berlin crisis until Sokolovsky replied to the new British overture or a reasonable length of time has passed without reply.

### Extremely Worried

Western officials are extremely worried about the Berlin situation. But they found time and energy also to be anxious about the quarrel between Marshal Tito and Generalissimo Stalin.

For a week Tito and his Communist followers in Yugoslavia have defied the Kremlin in the strongest kind of language. In addition, Tito is engaged in a battle of words with his two closest neighbours, Albania and Bulgaria.

The next move in the Yugoslav crisis is also up to Moscow. What will the Kremlin do to its once favourite satellite dictator who has now had the courage to talk back, to deny Kremlin allegations and to counter-attack serious charges against the Kremlin itself?

Moscow has been amazingly silent on Tito for a week. It printed the Cominform communiqué and Tito's reply and Soviet papers have carried despatches from the rest of Eastern Europe showing a solid front against Tito. But there has been no direct Soviet reaction to Tito's daring stand.

### Everything At Stake

For the moment both United States and Britain have decided to keep a "hands off" attitude regarding the Stalin-Tito quarrel, at least until it can be determined whether the Kremlin will "liquidate" Tito or patch up the rift.

But there will be no hands off policy in Berlin where all the West's prestige and the entire Western foreign policy are at stake.

British experts on Germany here, American Ambassador Lewis Douglas and French Ambassador

Maschwitz will stand by for any development over the week-end and probably will continue the consultations which have proceeded almost without interruption for several days.

The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, will address a Labour rally in Norfolk, which, the Foreign Office spokesman said, would be of "considerable interest." He said it would include passages on foreign affairs.

Three German representatives of the German Social Democratic Party will arrive here tonight for talks with British Labour leaders and the Foreign Office about the Berlin crisis.—United Press.

## BRITISH TROOPS IN ACTION IN PERAK: ARMS CACHE SEIZED

Singapore, July 3.

British troops and Malaya police have killed three members of a Communist band, wounded two and recovered considerable arms in Perak state, a communique said tonight.

Other official reports told of a large scale operation in widely separated parts of Malaya against extremists responsible for the wave of terrorism. The British state officially that the bands are composed of Communists.

At Kulai, in Johore, 40 miles north of Singapore, police killed a Chinese who attempted to escape while they were questioning him. Chinese Communists had raided Kulai earlier.

Police making raids in Perak State near Batu Wan, wounded a Chinese Communist and arrested nine men and a woman. Communists killed the Chinese owner of a pineapple estate in Johore State. Despatches from Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Federation of Malaya, said the son of a Chinese coffee shop owner was killed at Kajang in central Malaya.

### Trick Works

A British police officer, posing as a Russian who has just parachuted into Malaya,

## Veteran Minister Gaoled

Bucharest, July 3.

A former Foreign Minister was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment here today for having headed the resistance movement against the present regime.

The aged Istrate Murescu, Foreign Minister in the semi-Fascist Coga-Cuza Government in 1938, was convicted of organizing a group of former "Cuzists" aiming to overthrow the Government. A score of co-defendants also received prison sentences.

Political observers were surprised by the trial and reappearance of the Cuzists. "We thought that the party was thoroughly dead already," one of them remarked.

Murescu, who is over 70, vanished from public view since he was "purged" from the University and Lawyers' Association shortly after the war. He was once considered one of Rumania's leading legal experts.—United Press.

## TRUMAN ACCEPTS RESIGNATIONS

Washington, July 3.

President Truman today accepted the resignations of Under Secretary of Labour David A. Morse and Assistant Secretary of Labour John T. Metz.

The resignation of Morse will be effective as of Aug. 2, when he will become Director General of the International Labour Office. The resignations left the Labour Department in the charge of John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary representing the CIO.—United Press.

## Britain's Atomic Pile

London, July 3.

Britain's first high power atomic pile began operating today at the Government atomic energy research station at Harwell, Berkshire, the Ministry of Supply announced tonight.

A low power atomic pile has been working there for nearly a year.

The new pile will be used for experiments which in time will harness the power of the atom for peaceful uses.—Reuter.

## US SHIPS FOR PHILIPPINES

Manila, July 3.

Ninety-five vessels of all categories have been turned over to the Republic by the United States Government in accordance with the military assistance treaty between the two countries.

The transfer agreement was signed yesterday by Rear-Admiral W. R. Christie, commander of U.S. naval forces in the Philippines, on behalf of the United States Government, and Mr. Ruperto Kangleon, Secretary of National Defence on behalf of the Philippine Republic.—Reuter.

## REDS LOSE OUT IN FINNISH ELECTIONS

Helsinki, July 3.

General election results from 14 of Finland's 15 constituencies showed tonight that the extreme left wing People's Democrats had lost eight of the 51 seats which gave them the largest single party representation in the previous Parliament.

They were likely to be the third party in the final count.

The Agrarian Party, who previously held 48 seats, had gained six new seats and were likely to top the polls, closely followed by the Social Democrats, who had won three new seats.

The latter also had 48 seats in the last Parliament.

The Conservatives had won three new seats to date, the Liberals losing four and the Swedish People's Party remaining unchanged.

The six main parties taking part in the elections were the People's Democrats, the Social Democrats, the Agrarians, the Conservatives, the Swedish People's Party and the Liberals.

No matter what the outcome of the elections, the present Coalition Cabinet is not expected to continue following the withdrawal of the Social Democrats and the Agrarians from the 1945 party cooperation pact.

Polling officials expected a record vote from the total electorate of 2,416,000.—Reuter.

## COST OF LIVING II MENACE

Washington, July 3.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney said today after a visit with President Truman that continued increases in living costs will not only hurt consumers but will reduce the value of "European and Chinese recovery dollars."

The Senator said he discussed with President Truman the "failure of the Republicans, the Democrats and the Republican platform and Republican candidates to offer any, even a slight, remedy for the rising cost of living."

O'Mahoney said the latest index charts on the President's desk showed living costs to be up 70 percent over the basic 1935-39 average. He said that food was up 110.9 percent, clothing 77.5 percent and rent 15.7 percent.

O'Mahoney said that prices are continuing to rise and also will cancel the benefits of the cost of living—Federal pay raise bill which President Truman signed today.—United Press.

## Final Stages of Tojo Trial In Hattori House

Tokyo, July 3.

A castle-like three-storey stone building in Tokyo known as "Hattori House" for weeks to come will be the most closely guarded Allied billet in Japan.

It will serve for an estimated period of six weeks as the site where translating and final processing of war crimes trial verdicts will take place.

The building is already fenced in with barbed wire studded with sentries, and the area is flooded. The area has been the scene of considerable activity since two weeks ago when security preparations got under way for the protection of 60 men and women assigned to this first chapter of the two-year-old trial of Japanese war criminals.

Personnel, ranging from translators to clerks, typists, mimeograph operators and miscellaneous assistants, will be virtually imprisoned in the compound until their job is completed in the area.

All outside telephone communication will be cut off with the exception of one phone in the locked room of the officer-in-charge. All outgoing mail will be censored and incoming supplies will be carefully inspected at check points.

A medical officer and infirmary equipment are included in the security preparations so that no one will be permitted to leave the grounds for any purpose whatsoever until the last word of the judgment has been recorded in Japanese.

All personnel concerned have joined the project "voluntarily" with full knowledge of its isolation and rigid regulations. Quarantined staff will include three American women—a clerk and two typists—and 31 Japanese women.

The building is situated on a high hill in southern Tokyo. Formerly it was the residence of Kintaro Hattori, head of a well-known Japanese clock and jewelry firm.—United Press.

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TITO-COMINFORM DISPUTE  
REPERCUSSIONS EXPECTED  
SLAVS' ATTITUDE  
TO GREECE

Genoa, July 3.

Officials of the United Nations Balkans Committee said today that they were looking forward to possible changes in the Yugoslav attitude to Greece. Committee members were returning separately to Greece this week after completing their main report to the United Nations.

The report described in detail the assistance given to the Greek guerrillas from Albanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav territory.

It omitted any categorical Communist government, thus leaving the door open for a possible future reconciliation with Greece. The report recommended that a committee of the United Nations should continue to operate in Greece for the duration of the war against the Markos guerrillas in the north.

The Committee is expected to continue its work in Athens next week. It will draft a supplementary report to the United Nations in September covering the period between June 15 and the opening of the General Assembly in Paris.

## Yugoslav Aid

Committee officials said before their departure for Athens that they expected interesting developments in Greece as a result of the break between Tito and the Cominform.

The officials, who declined to be named, said that General Markos' announced support of the Cominform in the dispute was a sure indication that Yugoslavia had not given enough assistance to the guerrillas to please the Communist party leaders of Russia and—still—faithful Eastern bloc allies.

Recent Albanian attacks on Tito supported this view, the officials said, especially as the Committee found that Markos received most of his foreign assistance from Albanian territory.

The officials stressed that Yugoslavia alone of Greece's three Communist neighbours still maintained formal diplomatic relations with the Greek Government, strained though these relations were.

## Territorial Claims

It was possible, they said, that help for Markos from Yugoslavia might now cease altogether while Yugoslav relations with Greece might improve. On the other hand the officials thought it was unlikely that Yugoslavia would abandon its traditional claims to parts of Greek territory. These claims, they said, had always been received with disfavour by Markos.

According to the committee's main report, to be published in Lake Success later this month, there is no doubt that the Greek guerrillas have hitherto received valuable assistance from Yugoslav territory. The report states that a guerrilla radio station was located beyond the Greek frontier in Yugoslavia. It also gave detailed evidence of other material and moral aid given to the guerrillas from Yugoslav territory.

The officials believed senior Yugoslav Army officers or Government officials might try to escape to Greece as a result of the Cominform dispute and

of the consequent security measures likely to be taken by the Tito Government.

## Some Surprises?

Such political refugees arriving in Greece from Yugoslavia, the officials said, would supply the committee with important new information on the relationship between Tito and Markos. Because of the Communist boycott of the committee no evidence from Yugoslav sources was available for inclusion in the first report. The supplementary report, the officials said, may therefore contain some surprising disclosures.

The nine member committee comprises Australia, Brazil, China, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States. Two other members, Poland and the Soviet Union, have refused to take part in the committee's work since its establishment.—Associated Press.

Big Fire Aboard  
Ship From China

New York, July 3.

The Dagmar Salem, which caught fire some 30 miles out of New York while returning to Baltimore after unloading sugar in Philadelphia, had a crew of 39 on board, but only one needed hospital treatment, the Coast Guard reported tonight.

The Dagmar Salem had arrived in Baltimore on June 16 with a cargo from Shanghai. The fire broke out in the engine room just before 4.00 a.m. and burned until noon before three Coast Guard cutters brought it under control.

FRANK MERRILL  
RETIRE

Washington, July 3. Army orders disclosed today that Brigadier General Frank D. Merrill, 44-year-old leader of the famed "Merrill's Marauders" who struck against the Japanese in Burma, has been retired from the army because of disability.

Orders disclosed that Brigadier General Merrill retired effective last Wednesday with the rank of Major General.—United Press.

## US CRITICISED

Athens, July 3. Parliament by voice vote today ratified the aid agreement with the United States after a five-hour debate during which extreme Rightist spokesmen criticised the Americans for shipping in 1,300 automobiles for the American mission's use.—United Press.

TURKS ANGLING FOR  
PACT WITH GREECE

Athens, July 3.

Military and diplomatic quarters speculated today that the Turkish Chief of Staff, Salih Cukurak, may during his current visit here seek a military alliance with Greece.

He has conferred secretly with top Government, political and military leaders.

American sources believe the Turks fear Russian pressure may be turned against them after the Berlin crisis dies down or is solved, and are seeking positive support to combat it.—United Press.

Nanking Looking  
For U.S. Help  
In Reform Scheme

Nanking, July 4.

Hsu Po-yuan, Vice-Minister of Finance, told the Legislative Yuan Financial Committee today that the Government plans to negotiate an agreement with the United States providing for American assistance in the Government's efforts to requisition Chinese private assets.

Both Britain and the United States turned down a previous Chinese request for assistance. The two Governments advised China to approach the problem through persuasion methods.

The committee discussing the currency reform bill today also was informed that the Finance Ministry is now studying ways to reform the inflated currency.

Hsu said that after the reform plan is drawn up it will be presented to the Legislative Yuan to decide to put it into effect.

He said that though it is not impossible to reform the currency when the budget is unbalanced, reform cannot be expected to have a lasting effect. Hsu also appealed to legislators to help the Government increase revenues through readjustment of taxation.

Answering members' questions the director of the Government's Note Circulation Department revealed that President Chiang Kai-shek has the last word in deciding the issue of every new note.

Regarding the cost of printing new notes, he said in America the Government pays US\$0.40 for printing 1,000 bills of the more expensive category and US\$5.50 for the cheaper category. In China it cost CNS\$2,000 per bill of the first category and CNS\$900 per bill of the second category.—United Press.

SLOVAKS FLEE  
ABROAD

Prague, July 3.

The Slovak Freedom Party announced today that its second Secretary General within a few weeks has fled abroad.

A member of Parliament, Jural Pavlov, "already missing for several days," was expelled from the Party on Friday and Ladislav Caha has been appointed Secretary General in his place.

The Party announced that it had expelled several other members in order to show it has no connection with traitors who have deserted their country.—United Press.

EDEN VISIT TO  
GERMANY

Hamburg, July 3.

Anthony Eden, Conservative MP, and Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, are to visit the British zone of Germany this month. It was officially stated in Hamburg today.—Associated Press.

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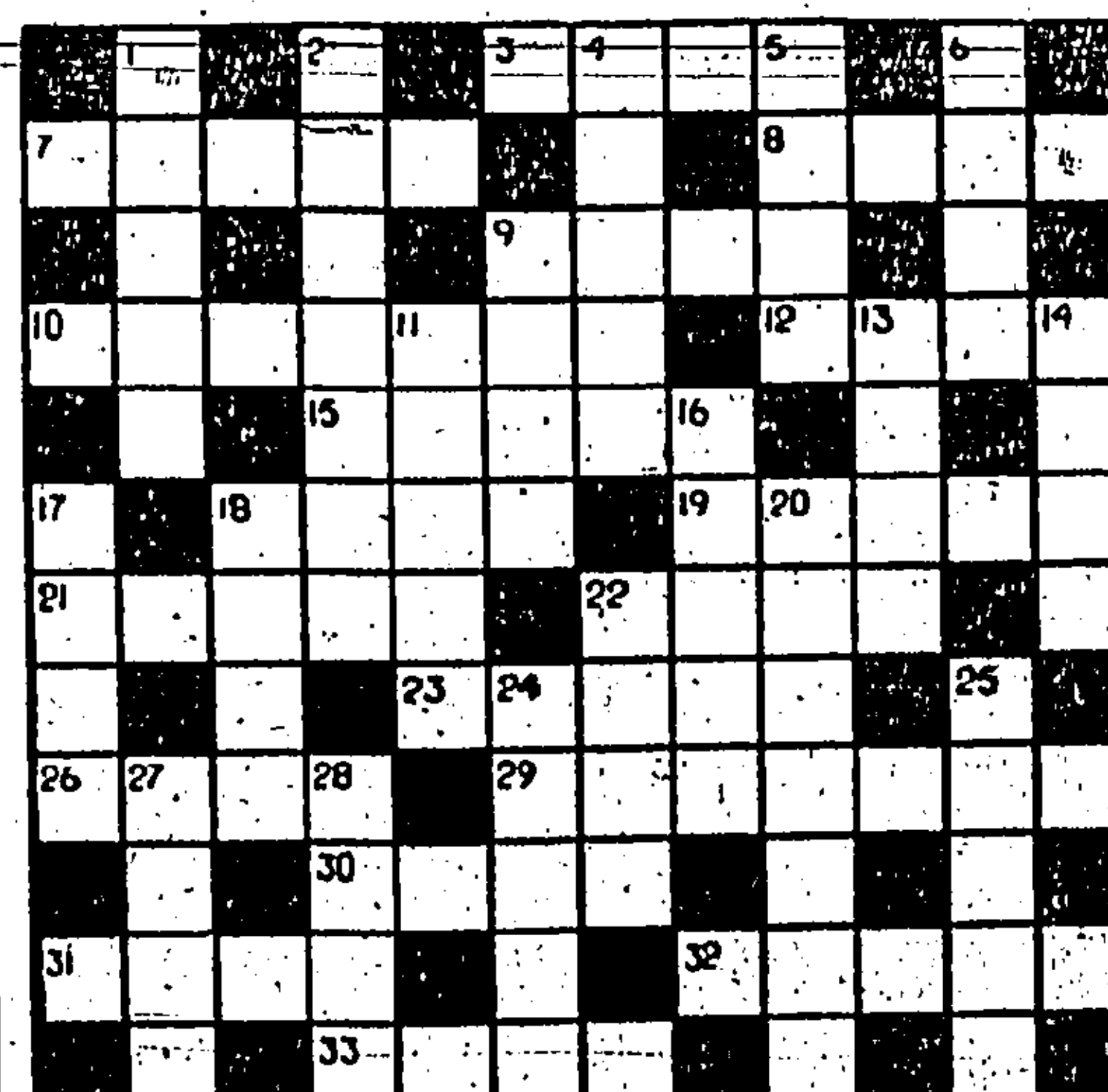
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## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- 3 Resolute.  
7 Renovate.  
8 Title.  
9 Become.  
10 Prefect.  
12 Suspend.  
15 Put off.  
18 Exploit.  
19 Uncanny.  
21 Wrong.

## Clues Down

- 1 Indian sol.  
2 Battles.  
4 Accustom.  
6 Legend.  
8 Bird.  
9 Yielding.  
11 Irritate.  
13 Land.  
14 Maritment.

Saturday's Crossword  
Across: 1 Tomtom, 7 Tite, 9 Night, 10 Syrup, 11 Apod, 13 Conference, 15 Leap, 16 Menu, 19 Intrested, 21 Sued, 24 Sere, 25 Guide, 26 Poot, 27 Target.  
Down: 2 Organ, 3 Tite, 4 Master, 5 Miracles, 6 Ripe, 8 Rupee, 12 Doped, 13 Camps, 14 Founders, 17 Neco, 18 Dessert, 20 Engr, 21 Tite, 23 Upt.





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From	Date	Vessel
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For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Mid. July Mid. August	m.v. "DONA NATT" m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

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### BUT YIELDS ARE BELOW PRE-WAR

Washington, July 3.

According to estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture, the world's harvested rice acreage for the 1947-48 year is about two per cent larger than pre-war, the increase being primarily due to increased acreage in India. Excluding India, however, the acreage is some two per cent below pre-war, although four per cent higher than a year ago.

The season, the Department says, was generally favourable for rice production, although fertilizer shortages caused yields to be below pre-war.

Production increased on all continents except South America and Oceania, the most important gains being in Asia where the output is estimated at 6,650 million bushels compared with 6,550 million the year before, and with the pre-war average of 7,125,000 million bushels. The largest gains in Asia's production were in the exporting countries of Burma, Siam and French Indo-China.

Weather was favourable and the crops exceeded early-season expectations. The total harvest of the three countries is estimated at approximately 700 million bushels, or 28 per cent more than the year before, and 46 per cent larger than the production of two years ago.

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Japanese Crop

The Indian rice crop decreased compared to a year ago, lack of rainfall in the Province of Madras being principally responsible. Large harvests in the northern provinces, however, offset this decline to some extent. Indications are that the condition of Pakistan's crop was below that of 1946-47, when the crop was very good.

More than a million acres of 1946-47 rice acreage in Pakistan were replaced by jute.

Japan's crop was one per cent less than that of the year before, and was 93 per cent of the pre-war average. Weather conditions were less favourable than during the previous year, and shortages of fertilizer were a factor in holding yields per acre below pre-war, the Department states. Reuter.

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### TALKS ON MILITARY AID FOR EUROPE

Washington, July 3.

Six-nation Ambassadorial talks will begin "fairly soon" to investigate methods for extending Marshall military aid to the Western European Alliance, authoritative sources said today.

It was believed the talks would probably be conducted here by Britain's Sir Oliver Franks, the French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, the Benelux representatives, Mr. Robert Lovett, the United States Under-Secretary of State, and other high American Government officials.

It was assumed that the agenda would include:

1.—The methods by which the United States would back up an effective military alliance in Western Europe.

2.—The conditions under which the material backing, in the form of arms, ammunition and planes, would be handed over.

3.—The obligations of the European countries on their own and mutual self-protection in return for the aid.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN COAL FOR JAPAN

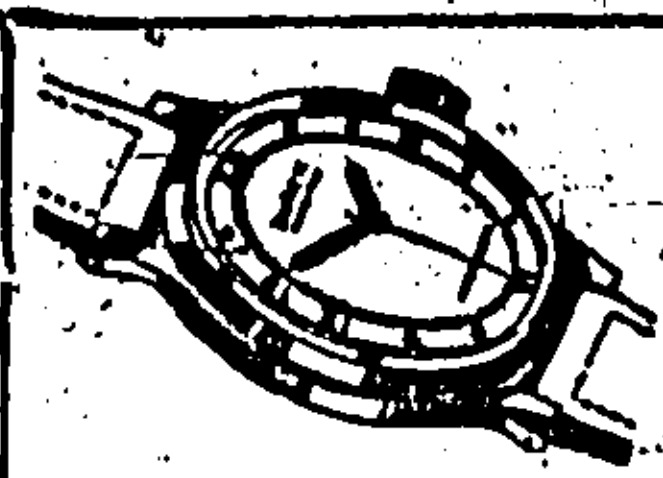
Seattle, July 3.

One of the largest movements of coal from the Pacific Northwest overseas—a 250,000-ton order for Japan—is under way here.









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## AUSTRALIANS RUN UP BIG SCORE AGAINST GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### Fleet Rifle Meeting

Mrs. Oliver, wife of Rear-Admiral R. D. Oliver, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., Flag Officer Commanding Fifth Cruiser Squadron, presented the prizes and trophies to winners of the 1948 British Pacific Fleet Rifle Meeting on board H.M.S. Sussex on Saturday.

The rifle meeting was held between Monday and Friday on Stonecutters Island in perfect weather.

The result of the competition for the Fleet Rifle Cup for the best ships was—

H.M.S. London, 1347 points.  
H.M.S. Sussex, 1325 points.

#### Small Ships

Besides winning the Fleet Cup H.M.S. London also carried away many of the team prizes. Led by Lieutenant Commander Gustave, H.M.S. London's team contained very good shots in Instructor Lieutenant J. Solomon, Chief Petty Officer Downer, Able Seaman Howlett and others and thoroughly deserved their win. H.M.S. Sussex put up a good fight and provided several individual winners.

The Fleet Cup for the small ships was won by H.M.S. Hart who led H.M.S. Cosack by one point. H.M.S. Black Swan was third. The other following cups went to the following ships—

Obstacle Cup (Hamilton-Leigh) H.M.S. London.  
Team Snap Shooting Cup (Roberts) H.M.S. Tamar.  
Team Tiles Cup H.M.S. Cosack.  
The climax of the Meeting was the series of events to decide the "B.P.F. VIII". Champion shot of the British Pacific Fleet is Colour Sergeant Davies of H.M.S. Tamar and the others in the VIII are Petty Officer Hender (Cosack), Boy Cooper (Sussex), Colour Sergeant Maylor (Tamar), Chief Petty Officer Downer (London), Engine Room Artificer Smith (Sussex), Chief Petty Officer Maeson (Sussex) and Lieutenant Commander Goodhart (Tamar).

Gloucester, July 3.  
At the close of play today, the Australian tourists had scored 560 runs for five wickets in their match against Gloucestershire. Morris monopolised the scoring to carry his score to 231 by tea time, this being the highest of his career and the highest score by an Australian during the present tour.

Giving a brilliant exhibition of hard hitting, featuring long side shots and on-drives, Morris claimed 120 of the 194 additional runs in two hours between lunch and tea. He completed 150 runs in two and three-quarter hours, and at tea he had been batting for four hours, with a six and 42 fours as his best shots.

#### Play Held Up

He and Miller, who hit a six and four fours, added 136 in the 80 minutes for the third wicket. Play was held up when a hedge near the park just behind

### Dillard's Sequence Snapped

Milwaukee, July 4.  
The phenomenal victory streak of track star Harrison Dillard was snapped at the 82 straight on Saturday when he was beaten by Barney Ewell in the 100-metre sprint and Bill Porter in the 110-metre hurdle race at the National Amateur Athletic Union track and field championships.

Exhausted by stiff qualifying races, Dillard lost the races. North-western star Porter won the hurdles in 14.1 secs. and Ewell ran the 100-metre in 10.6 secs.

In the last major track meet before the Olympic trials next week, few major upsets developed and performances generally were unspectacular. Among the best marks were:

Gil Dodds victory in the 1500-metre in 3 mins. 52.1 secs.  
Herb McKenley's 40.3 secs in the 400-metre.

Henry Dreyer's heave of 41 feet 2 1/2 inches in the 56-lb. weight—bettering the world record.

Roy Cochran's 52.3 secs in the 400-metre hurdles.  
Richard Morcom and Rob Richards tied in the pole vault at 14 ft 6 ins.—United Press.

#### Polished Style

Young Harvey, another left-hander, was scarcely overshadowed in a fourth wicket stand of 102 in two hours. He cut and drove in polished style and hit 13 fours in an entertaining effort.

The Australian total of 560 runs for five wickets made six hours of delightful cricket.

**SCORES:**  
AUSTRALIANS 1ST INNINGS  
Barnes c. Crapp b. Cook ... 44  
Morris c. and b. Scott ... 206  
Hassett stumped Wilson b. Cook ... 21  
Miller c. Cook b. Scott ... 51  
Harvey c. Allen b. Cook ... 85  
Loxton not out ... 48  
McCook not out ... 8  
Extras ... 5

Total for five ... 560

**BOWLING**  
O. M. R. W.  
Barnett ... 15 1 52 0  
Scott ... 27 2 135 2  
Monks ... 6 1 23 0  
Goddard ... 28 2 185 0  
Cook ... 28 5 92 3  
Cranfield ... 17 2 88 0  
—Reuter.

### Olympic Boxing

London, July 3.  
A cut over the right eye has forced lightweight Cliff Curvis to withdraw from his contest against Joseph Preys, Belgium, at Olympia on Tuesday.

Curvis' place will be taken by Johnny Russell, 20-year-old Kentish Town fighter who has an outstanding record of knockout wins.

This will be the only alteration on the Olympic card, the chief bout on which is a 15 round contest for the European flyweight title. The holder, Maurice Sandeyron, faces Dickie O'Sullivan of Ireland.

The Italian, Tino Cardinali, meets an undisclosed bantamweight rival over eight rounds.—Associated Press.

## GIANT OXFORD BOWLER TAKES SEVEN FOR 51

London, July 3.  
Philip Whitcombe, the young six-foot four Oxford University fast-medium bowler, achieved a fine performance in the 104th official Oxford-Cambridge match at Lords today, in which the Indian player, A. H. Kardor, was included in the Oxford side.

Showing ability to pin down persistent batsmen, Whitcombe took seven wickets for 51 runs—the first three in 20 overs for 28.

Kardor bowled 17 overs during the Cambridge innings out of which 27 runs were hit, but was not among the wickets.

Two of England's Test players, the captain, Norman Yardley, and the all-rounder, Bill Edrich, showed some welcome good form with the bat today.

Yardley's workmanlike and attractive first century of the season for Yorkshire against Surrey at Stamford was a long way toward quelling the clamorous of some critics for another England leader.

Battling nearly three hours he hit 14 fours.

Edrich played a delightfully free innings for Middlesex against Derbyshire, driving with great power and displaying a wide variety of strokes.

## UNOFFICIAL CHOICE



WHEN THE "Miss Europe" contest was re-run at Enghien, Casino, near Paris, recently, journalists covering the event differed from the official selection of "Miss France." The journalists chose "Miss Finland," who is seen above.—AP Photo.

## "Unknown" Students Shine At White City Athletics

London, July 3.  
An "unknown" 18-year-old Lancashire schoolboy, Joseph Birrell, of Barrow Grammar School, stole the limelight in the Amateur Athletic Association championships at the White City, London, today, in which the Australian Olympic athletes won five titles.

Birrell won the 120 yards hurdles by two yards from two of the Australian competitors, John Garber and C.R. Green, and proved a "worthy representative for Britain in the absence of the nation's leading hurdler, Donald Finlay, who was unable to compete because of a strained muscle.

This was only Birrell's second senior competition. He has been hurdling for two years, and hopes to go to Sandhurst and make the Army his career.

**Harris Beaten**  
Harold Parlett, 23-year-old art student, ran a great half-mile against such formidable opposition as Arthur Wint, of Jamaica, and Douglas Harris, of New Zealand, both potential Olympic 800-metre champions.

Rounding the last bend Harris appeared a certain winner, but Parlett, breaking away with amazing rapidity, overhauled him and won by two yards.

Lee McDonald Bailey lost both his sprint and furlong titles. In the 100-yard race, he had to take third place to the six foot Australian John Trnavor and All-Star M.C. Crowther.—Reuter.

### LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE GAME

At Ming Yuen, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club lost to Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 76 shots in a Second Division Lawn Bowls League game yesterday.

P. Paul T. Dyer, J.R. Bottomley and J.F. Lunney (H.K.E.R.C.) lost to R.P. Phillips, J. Hampsey, L.R. Whant and L. Guy 6-41; E. Poulson, J.O. Stokes, J.F. Barrow and R.C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.) lost to J.R. Wigginton, H. Lammer, E.A. Atkins and G.E. Thompson 17-24; G.W. Crawford, F.H. Fell, W. Stonehouse and A.G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.) lost to W. Bailey, K.C. Hamilton, V.C. Dixon and L.G. Coombes 6-40.

### KING'S SCORE WAS SECRET

Muirfield, July 3.  
King George played a quiet round of golf here today, on the same course where Englishman Henry Cotton triumphed in the British open championship on Friday.

Cotton's best round was 68. The King's was a secret.—Associated Press.

### Overseas' Success In Regatta

Henley on Thames, July 3.  
Four of the ten titles in Henley's Royal Regatta, whose fashionable four-day meeting ended here today, went to overseas competitors.

Morvyn Wood, giant New South Wales policeman, won the Diamond Sculls for Australia. E. Plossens and W. Collet, of Belgium, won the Double Sculls.

The Victoria Lake Rowing Club won the Wyfold Cup for South Africa, while Princetown University garnered the Thames Cup for the United States.

A fifth title—eight also have gone abroad has not the Australian stroke F.G. Ace been attacked with cramp in the Silver final when he and his partner were leading with only a quarter of a mile to go.

This enabled Leander, represented by the veteran Cambridge scullers, W. Laurio and J. Wilson, to win by three lengths.—Reuter.

### BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

New York, July 4.  
Baseball league standings (including yesterday's games):

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
Pittsburgh	34	30
New York	33	32
Philadelphia	34	45
Cincinnati	30	37
Brooklyn	28	35
Chicago	29	37
St. Louis	40	30
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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Cleveland	41	24
Philadelphia	43	27
New York	40	27
Boston	32	33
Detroit	31	34
Washington	31	35
St. Louis	25	40
Chicago	20	42

## WIMBLEDON:

### Excellent Play In Women's Singles Final

Wimbledon, July 3.  
Miss Louise Brough, blonde 25-year-old American champion, today won the women's singles title at Wimbledon, beating her Wightman Cup team-mate, 23-year-old Miss Doris Hart, by 6-3 and 8-6 in the final.

The play at times equalled the best seen in a women's singles final on the famous centre court.

Miss Hart thus finished runner-up for the second year in succession. For last year she was beaten by Mrs. Osborne Du Pont, who also defeated in the semi-final this year.

Today's match lasted nearly an hour and was watched by Queen Mary, the Duchess of Kent, Prime Minister Attlee and a packed gallery.

Both played a similar style of hard hitting—all court game, and the deciding factor was Miss Brough's superior control. Miss Hart, however, contested every point right to the end and saved three match points in the 12th game of the second set and another in the 14th.

Miss Hart began the match confidently and was within a point of a 3-0 lead on her opponent's delivery, but Miss Brough, with some deadly overhead work levelled a three-all and after a hard fight took the next three games for the set.

Miss Hart fought back splendidly from 1-3 to within a point of a 5-3 lead on Miss Brough's service in the second set but the pendulum swung and Miss Brough led 6-5 and 40-15 on her own service. But a miraculous retrieve by Miss Hart and two errors off her own racket kept the match alive.

**Epic Match**  
The end of a thrilling final, in which many games had the losing side in the mixed and women's doubles finals, but John Bromwich, the Australian, who was beaten in the Men's Singles final yesterday, carried off the Men's Doubles title with his young compatriot, Frank Sedgman, and retained the Mixed Doubles championship with his old partner, Miss Brough.

Bromwich and Sedgman won an epic 62 games final, beating the crack Americans Tom Brown and Gardnar Mulloy by 6-7, 7-5, 7-5 and 9-7.

Bromwich and Miss Brough scored a hard fought win by 6-2, 3-6 and 6-3 over Sedgman and Miss Hart in the Mixed Doubles final and needed five match points before settling the issue.

In the final of the Women's Doubles, Mrs. Margaret Du Pont and Miss Brough, winner in 1946, scored a 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3 victory over Miss Hart and Mrs. Todd, who won last year.—Reuter.

### BASEBALL MANAGER SUSPENDED

Columbus, Ohio, July 3.  
George C. Trautman, president of the Minor League Baseball Association, today suspended Earl Weller, manager of the Rockford, Illinois, Club, for 60 days for spitting tobacco juice in the eye of umpire Bill Fleming.

The incident occurred during a dispute over a play in the game between the Rockford and Clinton, Iowa, teams on June 10.

Pfeiffer denied the charge, but admitted he was chewing tobacco and claimed some of it might have "sprayed accidentally." Trautman said he was "satisfied" the act was "deliberate."—United Press.

### Athletics Closing Indian's Land

New York, July 3.  
Athletics swamped Boston Red Sox 8-2 for the second time in a row today, breathing hot on the necks of the pace-setting Cleveland Indians. The game was close until the eighth inning, when Athletics exploded for four runs and gave Red Sox their third straight loss.

The Indians kept well ahead of the pack as Bob Feller got his eighth straight victory 8-2 over St. Louis Browns. Robinson and Bourdeau homered for Indians.

Yankees defeated Washington Senators 5-3 to give Alie Raynolds his 10th victory of the season. Hal Newhouse set the pace for Detroit, Tigers 6-2 win over the cellar-dwelling Chicago White Sox to chalk up his 11th triumph.

Brooklyn Dodgers snapped a six-game losing streak with a rally which won out 7-5 over the Giants. The Dodgers negro catcher, Roy Campanella, set the pace with two singles, a triple and a walk as Joe Gordon's two homers went in vain. Gordon received a new automobile from the fans before the game.

Boston Braves strengthened their first-place hold with an 11-0 win over Philadelphia as Elliott and Torgerson each homered twice. Miller got a home run for Phillies.

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